

# REAL GUNMAN COMING TO GUARD ROOSEVELT

Cranks Are at Oyster Bay, and  
Frank Tyree, His Shadow  
as President, Called.

FORMERLY IN SECRET SERVICE

Now United States Marshal for West  
Virginia — The Colonel Works on  
That Speech—Sure to Make It.

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OYSTER BAY, Oct. 25.—All the cranks in the country seem to be headed for Oyster Bay, and the matter has grown so serious that a requisition was made to-day for the services of an experienced gunman. This is Frank Tyree, now United States Marshal for West Virginia, and formerly the Secret Service man who guarded Col. Roosevelt when he was President. Tyree is expected here to-morrow, and any gentleman who thinks he can perform a public duty by killing an ex-President of the United States will meet Tyree in the open.

The latest thing in the crank line was six feet high and wore a slouch hat and gave his name as John D. Archbold. He wanted to see the Colonel, and when he found he couldn't he wrote Mr. Roosevelt a rambling and incoherent letter.

Just before that Dr. George W. Faller, one of the Colonel's doctors, received a letter about Louis H. Molina, the crank who tried to see the Colonel at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago, and who subsequently announced his intention of getting after the Colonel when he got to New York. At that time Molina represented himself as an envoy with a secret mission from the Colombian Government, and talked wildly about the wrong the Colonel had done to his country in recognizing the Panama Republic.

The letter was from John A. Waldron, an appointment clerk in the Board of Prisons, and it said that Molina, while a convict in Clinton Prison, at Dannemora, had threatened the life of Col. Roosevelt, then President. Molina, according to the letter, was about to be pardoned when a letter was intercepted, written in Spanish by Molina, and announcing that because of the wrongs President Roosevelt had inflicted on Colombia, he, Molina, intended to kill him. "This man," wrote Waldron, "was pardoned by Gov. Higgins in June, 1906. Upon the Governor's learning of the statements that had been made by this prisoner in this letter, he revoked the pardon and Molina was compelled to serve out his entire term, less the commutation he earned, in Clinton Prison.

The Colonel did not seem particularly disturbed by the advent of the galaxy of cranks. He spent much of his time in reading a heavy work entitled "Morgan on Zoology," which was given to him yesterday and which he finished to-day. He is surely going to make that speech in Madison Square Garden on Oct. 30, though he has reluctantly agreed to do it inside half an hour. Mrs. Roosevelt is not at all pleased, but there are limits to what even she can accomplish. The Colonel dictated his notes for the speech this morning to John W. McGrath, his stenographer, who was specially summoned from New York for the purpose.

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