

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Charles Reifel, a civilian employed in the Quartermaster's Department in the Department of Santiago, was convicted of murder by court-martial and sentenced to death. The President has commuted the sentence to life imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kan.

AUTOMOBILE DRIVER ARRESTED

Some expressions of wonderment have been heard as to why the runners of the automobiles have not been arrested for sending their carriages along at so reckless a rate, and the leniency of the police heretofore got one man in jail last night. He is said to be the first man arrested for running an automobile too fast. He is Jacob German, twenty-six years old, who runs Cab 1,565 for the Electric Vehicle Company of 1,683 Broadway.

Bicycle Roundsman Schuessler saw German making fully twelve miles an hour on Lexington Avenue early last evening, and, pursuing the man, he saw him round the corner of Twenty-third Street, an always crowded place, at the same breakneck speed. Then he arrested him. German was surprised. The company was notified, and its members were astonished. But German was locked up in the East Twenty-second Street Station.

The rate they may maintain in the city is eight miles an hour between streets and four miles around corners.

The automobile was left in front of the station house with several hundred east side children about it. They examined it so closely that a policeman was placed on guard to prevent the cab from moving off without a driver and indulging in most any kind of a catastrophe.