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GOVERNOR PEABODY EXPLAINS.

Declares Policy Was Not Too Vigorous.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—Governor James H. Peabody today issued an address explaining and vindicating his acts in dealing with the labor troubles in Colorado. He refutes the contention that the strike inaugurated by the Western Federation of Miners at the ore reduction works in Colorado City was called because of the failure of the legislature to enact an eight-hour law, pointing out that it was called on the 14th of February, some five or six weeks before the adjournment of the legislature, which then had under consideration an eight-hour law. Later a sympathetic strike was declared by the federation in Cripple Creek to cut off the ore supply of the mills.

Governor Peabody then goes into the history of the Western Federation of Miners, which he declares has been replete with assaults, dynamite outrages and murders. In affording protection to men who desired to labor, the governor explains: "It became necessary, in my judgment, to confine certain men in a military guard house as one of the safest and most expeditious methods of restoring order. It was loudly proclaimed that this was without authority of law. The question was submitted to the supreme court and the action of the militia in that respect fully sustained. It is a useful and necessary power and the class that should deny its exercise is not numerous."

"The general policy pursued in Cripple Creek was followed in other parts of the state, and particularly in Telluride, where the excesses and crimes of the federation had been still more inhuman than in any other district and the reign of terror still more complete. Order now prevails there."

Quiet had been restored in Cripple Creek and the troops withdrawn when the dynamite outrage was committed at the Independence depot June 6, followed by the riot at Victor. The governor has placed the responsibility for both these occurrences on the federation.

"When the excitement had somewhat subsided and the country was still under quasi military rule," the governor continues, "it was found that there were several hundred members of the Western Federation in the district yet who would not work and had resolved that others should not if by such methods as those employed at the Independence station they could be driven away. 'I resolved that they should be dispersed and I dispersed them.'"

Governor Peabody denies the charge that he is waging war on labor unions generally and closes as follows: "I have had to deal with an organization which has no counterpart in this country. Its official proclamations, full of defiance and challenge, issued from time to time, have amounted, as has been said, to a declaration of war."

"I have met the challenge with a policy none too vigorous for the outlawry I was called to oppose. But through it all I have had but one object, and that to show the people of Colorado that the laws will be upheld; that a criminal organization cannot dictate the policy of this administration and that everywhere within the borders of Colorado property shall be secure and labor shall be free."

STRAPPED TO COFFIN LID.

Chicago Bachelor Pays Unique Penalty for Joining Benedict.

Chicago—Strapped to the lid of a coffin and escorted with all the ceremony of an ancient Egyptian funeral procession, Frank Ellis, living on the south side, was carried to a pre-nuptial reception given him by his fellow-members of the Thirteenth Club of Woodlawn. This is an organization of bachelors who agreed not to marry, and Ellis was the first to break the pledge. A few days ago he announced that today he would marry Miss Ella L. Holstrom.

Carey Reese, president of the club, sent for Ellis, and when the young man got off the train at Auburn park he was met by twelve men, all dressed in white gowns and caps. Ellis was overpowered and strapped to a coffin lid. He was placed in a wagon draped in white and drawn by two white horses. At the head two men marched, beating muffled drums; two others led the horses and two carried banners.

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