

strike. When the strike showed no promise of success the district council of the Western Federation for the Cripple Creek District called out the miners in the district on a sympathetic strike. After a certain number of acts of violence Governor Peabody ordered the militia into the district. The writ of habeas corpus was suspended and the action of the authorities generally were high-handed in the extreme. Things went from bad to worse: two men were killed in the Vindicator mine and finally in June 1904 an explosion occurred at the Independence depot where thirteen men were killed outright and a number mangled. Moyer was held a prisoner for a long time, The lawyers for the mine owners contending that the Governor was supreme in his right to suspend the writ. The deportations began. Men were taken out of the Cripple Creek district into Kansas and into New Mexico. The Mine Owners Association was formed, no one was allowed to work unless he had a card from said association and no one could obtain a card unless he could show that he was not connected or had not been connected with the Western Federation of Miners or the American Labor Union. From that time on the decline of the Western Federation of Miners in Colorado was gradual, so that today there is scarcely anything left of the once powerful organization.