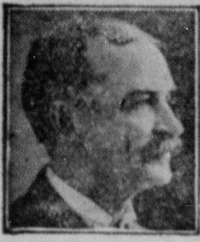


## Marked For Steunenberg's Tragic End



JAMES H. PEABODY.

THE incorrect report that all attempt had been made to poison ex-Governor James H. Peabody of Colorado recalls the circumstances under which a former governor of the neighboring state of Idaho, Frank Steunenberg, met his death but a short time ago. Both Peabody and Steunenberg were active as the executives of their respective states in the suppression of riots connected with mining troubles while they were in office. The part they took in these troubles aroused much enmity against them among some classes of miners. The death of ex-Governor Steunenberg is laid to the fact that he earned this hostility in the discharge of the duties of his office. It occurred under circumstances especially shocking. He was passing through a gate into the dooryard of his home in Caldwell, Ida., on Dec. 30, when a dynamite bomb exploded under him, tearing off both his legs and leaving an arm hanging by a shred. His whole body was cut, bruised and mangled.

Mr. Steunenberg was at one time a union printer, and when he became governor of Idaho in 1897 it was supposed his sympathies would be with the employees in case any labor troubles occurred during his administration. His sympathies were with honest workingmen, but outrages perpetrated during the Coeur d'Alene strike in 1899 caused him to take prompt and stringent action, and it is believed that his death was decreed by a vendetta at that time. After his murder a price of \$5,000 was set upon the heads of his assailants, and the first man arrested on suspicion of connection with the crime was one who had been connected with the Coeur d'Alene riots.

Shortly after the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg Sherman M. Bell, former adjutant general of Colorado, declared his belief that ex-Governor Peabody and himself were marked for death by the same band that had brought about the slaughter of the for-



SHERMAN M. BELL.

mer executive of Idaho. General Bell was ex-Governor Peabody's right hand man during the Cripple Creek war. Although that trouble is over and only echoes of the bitter struggle incident to it are now heard, General Bell continues to receive threatening anonymous letters. Mr. Peabody had also received threatening letters before the supposed attempt to poison him and his family occurred. These notes bid him beware of the fate which had overtaken the former governor of Idaho. Another prominent politician of the same section who believes his life to be in danger from a vendetta is United States Senator Weldon B. Heyburn of Idaho. The assassination of Lyle Gregory, a railroad detective, in May, 1904, is believed to have been planned by the same men responsible for the death of Steunenberg and the threats against the lives of Messrs. Peabody and Bell. The theory is that an organization exists which is a survival of the famous "Mollie Maguires." The latter were driven out of Pennsylvania after a period of violence that appalled the nation, but it is held that the organization is not yet dead and, on the contrary, is responsible for some of the most dastardly of the crimes that have been perpetrated in connection with the mining troubles in Colorado, Idaho, Montana and other Rocky mountain states. The explosion at Independence, Colo., when thirteen strike breakers were blown into eternity by a charge of dynamite when standing on a railroad platform, is laid at the door of the western Mollie Maguires.

General Bell, who is confident he is a marked man, does not expect death at once. "If they are going to kill me," he said recently, "they won't do it now. It's too soon after poor Steunenberg's death. The assassins are wily and don't care to pay the law's penalty for murder, even though they are determined in their purpose. Nevertheless I go armed and shall give them a warm reception. I haven't the slightest doubt that both ex-Governor Peabody and myself are scheduled for killing."

### MOHAMMED EL TORRES.

Venerable Head of Morocco's Mission to the Algeiras Conference.

The most striking figure at the conference in Algeiras, Spain, over Morocco affairs is the head of the Morocco delegation, the venerable Mohammed El Torres. He is the confidant of the young and picturesque ruler of Morocco, Mulai Abdul Aziz, and his minister of foreign affairs. There was a spectacular scene when the Moorish envoys embarked at Algeiras from the Spanish cruiser Rio del Plata. The party consisted of sixty-seven persons, all richly garbed in flowing white robes



MOHAMMED EL TORRES.

and wearing red and white turbans. The Spanish state coaches, which were brought from Seville, received Mohammed El Torres and his suit and took them to a villa. The aged foreign minister spends much of his time while at Algeiras in prayer to Allah, beseeching him to protect the faithful and prevent Morocco, the only remaining independent Mussulman kingdom of Africa, from falling under the power of those who do not accept the doctrines of Mohammed. In respect to the purpose of the conference he is quoted as asking ironically, "Why do they not call a conference to restore order in Russia?"

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