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A deputation from the executive of the Labour Party recently waited on the Australian Premier at Adelaide (S.A.) and requested an amendment of the criminal code with a view to the abolition of capital punishment. The Premier said that he still believed in capital punishment. The Government intended to reintroduce the bill next session to provide for the punishment that would fit the crime. Capital punishment was a vindication of the law, "Thou shalt do no murder."



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