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## THE STATE.

Governor Russell pardons Ester Mc-Guire, sentenced to twenty years on conviction of murder in the second degree. Governor and Mrs. Russell give a reception to 250 public school children .- The report that the comwere sent in blank to Robert Hancock | is denied at the executive office.-The directors of the Normal and Industrial school are to meet at Greensboro on the 17th.

DOMESTIC. In the ballot for senator in the Florida legislature yesterday Chipley was in the lead .- The National Association of Rallway Surgeons, in session at Chicago, changes its name to International Association of Railway Surgeons and decides to meet in Toronto next year.-The gunboat Nashville will have her speed trial on the 12th instant .- Mr. Calhoun will probably leave Washington Saturday for Cuba; where he goes to investigate the Ruiz murder case. Senator Earle is critically ill at his home in Greenville, S. C .- Warrants are issued for S. W. Scuggs, chief clerk, and Colonel J. T. Gaston, ex-commissioner, of the South Carolina dispensary, charging the taking of cigars and canned goods from a trunk seized by dispensary constables .- Burglars open the safe of a Charleston (S. C.) firm and secure \$600. -The postal congress was not in session yesterday; the committees were at work on the matters referred to them. off from joining the Western Association .- Dr. Talmage returns to Washington and reports to the secretary of the treasury that his tour in the west to secure contributions of food for the cessful; a vessel loaded with grain will soon be sent from San Francisco .-Near Christiansburg, Va., a 17-yearold boy named Edward Collins,, accidentally shoots and kills his 14-yearold brother .- A discharged convict of the Kentucky penitentiary testifies before a legislative committee as to barbarous theatment of the convicts of sexes and all ages.—Canada will place an export duty on pulp wood.-The body of W. D. Howland is found in the dock at New Bedford, Mass.; he committed suicide April 22nd.; he was treasurer of several corporations which have gone into the hands of receivers .--- Professor Barnard, of Nashville, Tenn., makes a short, but successful trip in an airship constructed by himself .- The miners at Jellico, Ky., are idle, waiting for their big conference on the 10th .-Louis Pheil, convisted of murder and confined in the lunatic asylum at Tren-

FOREIGN. Havana dispatches tell of Cubans defeated, efforts to dynamite a train frustrated and landing of filibusters prevented .- The fighting near Pharsalos continued for fifteen hours, when the Greeks retreated and the Turks now occupy that town. - Great disorder is created in the Austrian reichsrath on the introduction of a resolution to impeach several of the ministry .-In an engagement in Epirus the Greeks had to retire because their ammunition gave out; there is much dissatisfaction on the part of the soldiers toward the staff officers.-The correspondent of The London Daily Mail gives a graphic account of the fighting at Pharsalos; the fighting on both sides was heroic; the Turks advanced steadily and the Greeks were stubborn in their resistance, but were finally driven back .---The volsraad of the Transvaal repeals the immigration, not on England's demand, but because law distasteful to neighboring states. -- Austria and Germany join the other powers in proposing meditation between Greece and Turkey .- The powers will land troops at Athens to protect the dynasty.--It is rumored that the few wounded Greek soldiers left at Volo have been butchered by the Turks.—The powers hand a collective note to the Greek and Turkish government, calling on them tocease hostilities on assurance that the powers will settle the pending difficulties.-The triple alliance was renewed yesterday for six years.

ton, N. J., makes his escape.-New

Dr. R. L. Griffin, surgeon general of

York had two fatal fires yesterday.-

### Another Convict Pardoned. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 6.-Governor Russell pardons Ester McGuire, a white man of Watauga county, who was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years. It was proved that he shot a man by mistake, thinking he was a turkey.

#### Reception to School Children. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 6.-Governor and Mrs. Russell this afternoon at the executive mansion gave a special reception to 250 pupils of Murphy public school.



Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness, i ssures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap Royal Baking Rowder Co., New York, dition.

# THE CATTLE QUARANTINE.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE LINE IN THIS STATE.

missions for the New Bern councilmen | Application for License for a South Caro lina Insurance Company-The Land Grant for a Mormon Church-Portraits of George Peabody and Miss Dorothea Dix-Don Cameron Sues the Roanoke Water Power Company-Rutherfordton Votes for a Dispensary.

> Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., May 6.

The secretary of the United States agricultural department writes the state commissioner of agriculture that he will at once make an investigation to determine as to the proposed modification of the cattle quarantine line in this state. He says it is best to have the boundaries follow the county boundaries. But the commissioner says the disease does not go according to county boundaries. The disease is splenetic fever and it is in some way due to "ticks." There is a great deal of the disease within the infected districts.

An application is made to the secretary of state for license for an insurance company chartered in South Carolina, all the incorporators of which are Raleigh men.

The secretary of state is advised that the land grant desired by Mormons in Columbus is for a church. He says if -Some of the railroads are holding the papers are regular he cannot refuse to issue it, not even if it were for a site for a Buddhist temple.

Three convicts arrived at the penitentiary today from Watauga county. The finance committee of the insane asylum board was in session today in the state treasurer's office, examining vouchers. John R. Smith, superintendent of the penitentiary, continues a member of the board.

The state treasurer discovered today a great many certificates of stock which the state took in various plank roads. Of course all are worthless. W. G. Randall, the artist, has completed portraits of George Peabody and Miss Dorothea L. Dix and these go to the Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, where they will be unveiled during commencement. Miss Dix was the sister of Governor Dix, of New York, and was the founder of the insane asylum here.

It is a current rumor here that Governor Russell has endorsed James H. Young for postmaster of Raleigh. Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has instituted two suits in the federal court here against the Roanoke Navigation

and Water Power Company. The pa-

pers in one of these came in today.

A very remarkable accident is reported on the Ducktown branch of the Western North Carolina railroad. There was a washout and a passenger train fell into it so violenty that the rails were thrown in all directions. One of them was forced through the mail car and narrowly missed the route agent. The peplies to the inquiries as to the crops for the special May bulletin of the agricultural department are coming in. This is the first of the se-

ries of monthly bulletins. Under the new revenue act persons who make a business of "swapping" or "trading" horses are taxed \$25 annually. This is raising quite a row among

the traders. The North Carolina classes of the German Reformed church is in session near Greensboro.

The weather turned much warmer today. Yesterday the farmers were very despondent. They say the crops and corn look sick.

It seems that Claude Bernard wants to be United States attorney for the Eastern district.

The majority of the people of Rutherfordton voted in facor of a dispen-In August all the townships vote on

special aid to schools. Governor Russell will present a copy of the constitution to each graduate at the Normal and Iudustrial college commencement.

## News From Cuba. Havana, May 6.-The Spanish cruiser

Maria Christina has captured at the mouth of the Mosquito river four lighters of American construction. They had apparently been used in the landing of a filibustering expediton. Troops ashore captured sixty-three boxes of cartridges belonging to the filibusters.

The escort of a railroad train running between Tunas and Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Clara on Monday last, discovered another dynamite bomb on the rails with electric wires to it. Confirmation has been received among other things that General Max-

imo Gomez is in bad health. The Spanish gunboat Satelite, at Ganey, near Tunas, saw a suspicious looking steamer, making signals. The gunboat fired fifteen shots at the steamer, which eventually disappeared. Later, the Satelite returned and reconnoitered the coast in the vicinity of Guasinas, Paso Banao and harbor of Palo Alto. While so doing the gunboat sighted a detachment of insurgent cavalry, evidently awaiting the landing of a filibustering expedition. Fifteen shells were fired at the insurgent force, which

thereupon dispersed. Captain General Weyler, with his adjutants and an escort, left Cienfuegos,

at San Juan de las Yeras. Jose Copero, the insurgent cavalry leader who was released on April 30th, the case against him having been disday and will sail from Cuba on Wedcitizen and was captured on board a steamer at Batabano, January 12, 1896.

Senator Earle Critically III. Greenville, S. C., May 6-Judge H. S. Earle, junior United States senator Co., was burglarized at an early hour from South Carolina, is critically ill at his home in this city. Grave apprehensions are entertained as to his con-

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# FULL AND ACCURATE REPORTS

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THE BATTLE OF PHARSALOS

Described by the Correspondent of the London Daily Mail-Splendid Fighting on Both Sides-Steady Advance of the Turks-StubbornResistance of theGreeks Before Giving Way.

London, May 7.-The Daily Mail's correspondent with the Turkish forces at Pharsalos, telegraphing yesterday morning says:

Yesterday's (Wednesday) battle was most sublime, as a spectacle and the most decisive of the entire war. It was not intended at the beginning that the fight should be a regular pitched engagement, but on the arrival of Edhem Pasha at the outposts, a furious firing morning, the ship circled around, the began. The weather was cool and the navigator hoping to meet with a favorsky somewhat cloudy, after a thunder

The village of Pharsalos could be seen, huddled, as it were, under a line of low-peaked hills. Higher and round about were black hills rising behind the others, while between us and the vi!lages ran the small stream known to stream and the village were the Greeks in an excellent position, well defended by earthworks. Their advance line consisted of two brigades and their reserves of two half brigades, altogether about 20,000 men. Against these were 50,000 Turks.

The artillery began the engagement, the Greek practice being much better than usual; but after about two hours they began to retire across the river. This was a great mistake, as they were thus enclosed between the river and the mountains with no room to deploy.

The sight was superb. In many cases the Greeks fought with the courage of ing the rear guard to hold the bridge, covered the whole plain. The endurance and dash of the Turks were magnificent, too. I reached the battlefield with a regiment whose men immediately began to run forward, dancing under fire and shouting like children when they saw the enemy. The Greeks repulsed them and followed up the re-

The Turks had formed in a semicircle of thundering batteries and crackling battalions. The division on the extreme right tried to cut off the retreat to Domokos, while the remainder of the force flung itself upon Pharalos.

The battle was little like the battles described in books. There was no firing of volleys, no bayonet assaults, no rush, no cheering, but only a steady, leisurely advance into the open, in perare not growing and that both cotton | fect order. There was some individual firing and the soldiers shouted 'Allah, Allah,' till the constant repetitions swelled into one heavy monotonous shout like the 'Hear, hear,' of the house of commons. I saw some men suddenly fling up their hands and fall face downward, but the Greek fire in the main was ineffective.

Before 5 o'clock the last village north of the river had been taken. Then the village of Vasili and the entrenchments near the river were stormed with considerable loss to the Turks and the battle ceased at night fall, the flanking division having established itself behind the Greeks, and cut of the best line of retreat to Athens.

Roads Holding off From the Association. Chicago, May 6 .- Some of the roads that were good and consistent members of the Western Passenger Association before that organization dissolved after the promulgation of the supreme court decision, are showing a reluctance to becoming members once more. They have no fault in particular to find with the new agreement or with the manner in official circles of the death of in which the affairs of the organization Charles Aguire, the insurgent leader. | are managed by Chairman Caldwell; He was killed in a recent engagement | In fact, all of them admit that no paswith the Spanish troops. Important | senger association was ever handled documents found upon his person, show | better, but they have a reluctance to put themselves in a position where the courts may get a whack at them in case the legal gentlemen of the roads, who have pronounced the agreement perfectly valid in all respects, should happen to have overlooked something or other. It is not expected that any of the roads that so far have failed to become members are withholding themselves from membership because of any desire to demoralize rates, but one or two roads are not quite sure that associations are legal after all, and some of their competitors do not come in because they desire to be in a position to meet whatever rates their competitors may make. That is, at least, the reason given by some of the roads and province of Santa Clara, yesterday by yet the Western Passenger Association special train and arrived unexpectedly has nothing to do with the making or maintenance of rates and any road is as free to take individual action in the association as out of it. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the missed, visited Consul General Lee to- lines that are still outstanding and it is likely that they will, in a short time, nesday next. Copero is an American | become members of both the freight and passenger associations.

> A Successful Safe Burglary. Charleston, S. C., May 6.-The large this morning. The safe was opened with explosives and \$600 in cash taken. There is no clue to the identity of the

robbers.

Successful Trip With an Airship. Nashville, Tenn., May 6.-Professor Arthur Barnard, the physical instructor

of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Nashville, made a successful trip today in an airship constructed by himself. He started from the Tennessee Centennial expositon grounds. The ship moved off in perfect order and passed out of sight in a few minutes. Mr. Barnard returned with his air-

ship tonight. He says he has perfected a machine which will fly under ordinary conditions. He stated tonight that it was not perfect nor could it be to draw up in line of battle, the Greeks perfectly controlled but he believed that he could perfect it so that its course could be controlled.

After disappearing from view this able current. At last the ship began to sail to the west. When it reached Watkins, a village fifteen miles west of the city it turned. When four miles from Nashville, the gas in the balloon attachment began to give out. Mr. Barnard then sought a safe place to descend and came down easily. While the ancients as the Rapieus, crossed by aloft a sudden gust broke one of the a bridge at the railway. Between the spans of the ship. No other damage was done. He was aloft one and a half hours.

## Jelico Coal Miners Idle.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 6 .- The coal miners of the Jellico district are all idle, awaiting their big conference on May 10th, when it will be decided whether or not the reduction of wages will be accepted for the next year. The miners are not in position to stay out of work any great length of time, as some are now in destitute circumstances. The operators say they will not make contracts for another year unless the reduction is accepted and they summer, as they have enough coal mined to fill their orders during the

summer. At Coal Creek contracts have been signed up and no reduction was made. The miners at this place are deeply in sympathy with those of the Jellico district and should a strike be ordered all would go out.

Settlement was reached today in the Laurel district, fifty miles north of Jelico, in Kentucky.

The South and West Commercial Congress Kansas City, Mo., May 6 .- The South and West Grain and Trade Congress today heard reports of committees and addresses by Breedlove Smith, James A Smith, Thomas Richardson, Governor Leedy of Kansas, Patrick Walsh, and E. L. Martin, vice president of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf rail-

Samuel Lapham, of Charleston, S. C. was made chairman of the congress Breedlove Smith, of New Orleans, was made permanent chairman between sessions. Permanent vice presidents, appointd at Charleston, were cosen, with the exception of W. C. Davidson, from South Carolina, in whose place Charles Stanton was named. The name of the congress was changed to The South and West Commercial Congress. The next session will be at Tampa, Fla. in February 1898.

# Cruelty in the Kentucky Penitentiary

Frankfort, Ky., May 6 .- The state prison investigating committee heard testimony today about inhuman treatment of prisoners and other things. John Doe, a two year convict, released yesterday, related dozens of cases of brutal flogging of men, women and children, of the rack, thumb stall, etc. giving names, dates and every detail and charged that one woman hung up by the thumbs, while enciente, died from the effects of the punishment.

President Albine, of the Louisville Albine Company, a turned down bidder, when the prison chair contract was let | ing that the Greek army had retired. to A. D. Martin, et al of Chicago and Cincinnati, charged that Attorney General Taylor had become the attorney ber of the prison board and attorney for the state.

# A Distressing Accident.

Christiansburg, Va., Mey 6 - A most distressing accident occurred near here this afternoon by which Robert Collins, the 14-year-old son of Mr. H. R. Collins, lost his life. Robert and his brother Edward, who is 17 years old, were sent to the woods to do some shopping, and had been gone but a short time when Edward came running back crying frantically that he had shot his brother. Neighbors gathered immediately and it was found that Robert had been shot in the right eye. The ball lodged in the brain, causing instant death. Edward is so much overcome with grief that he has not been able to give an intelligent account of the accident.

# The Triple Alliance Renewed

London, May 7.-A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Rome says that the pact of the powers constituting the triple alliance was renewed for a period drygoods establishment of Kerrison & of six years. The right to withdraw, under the terms of the original agreement, expired on May 6th, and Germany has succeeded in persuading Italy not to exercise the right of withdrawal. Greek soldiers who were left at Phar-

## GREECE'S UTTER DEFEAT.

HER ARMY FACES SURRENDER OR DESTRUCTION.

General Smolenski Entirely Cut Off-Retreat of the Two Divisions-Turks Uccupy Pharsalos-The Powers Call a Halt in Hostilities and Offer to Undertake Solution of the Dispute-To Land Troops at Athens to Protect the Dynasty.

Athens, May 6.-6 p. m.-Fighting is proceeding between the Turks and Greek forces at Velestino. It is presumed that the Turks, noticing that General Smolenski was preparing to retreat, attacked him in force. The Turks have burned two villages.

Larissa, May 6.-A dispatch from Pharsalos, dated 11 a. m. today describes the battle there which began yesterday as follows:

"A Turkish corps first appeared on the summit of Mount Tekke yesterday morning and from a formidable intrenched position on the hillside attacked the Fourth regiment of Evzones about noon. The latter made a strong re-

sistance, but were finally compelled to rious. fall slowly back. The Turks then cannonaded and destroyed the village of Ordskoni, which is about two hours' march north of Pharsalos. The crown prince, having ordered the entire army advanced about 2 o'clock p. m.-The Turks numbering 30,000, immediately descended the slopes of Mount Tekke first inning and retired. Grady was and planted batteries which began to also injured in the fifth inning and to superiority of weight, the Turkish cannon inflicted heavy losses upon the Greeks, especially near the station. The Turks continued to advance until they came into close quarters, and then the crown prince decided to retire to more commanding positions.

"All the ammunition and supplies have been transported to Domokos, on and the game with St. Louis scheduled the heights of which the Greek bat- for today will be played tomorrow. teries are prepared for action. The Turks have burned the village of Tatari and have massacred a priest and an

Constantinople, May 6.-Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief in Thessaly, has sent the following dispatch to the ministry of war dated this morning:

"The imperial army, while marching to Pharsalos met the enemy in the villages of Soubathi, Souledji, Turcomanli and Lamia. After a severe engagement, lasting fifteen hours, we dislodged them from their positions and advanced to Pharsalos, which the im-Tertat army has just eleteriously occu-

London, May 6.-The Daily Mail's correspondent at Palias, under date of Wednesday, says:

"The Greek battalion today attacked the Turks near Philippiada. The Greeks fought well, but their ammunition was soon expended and they were compelled to retire.

"Officers and men in Epirus are bitterly displeased with the headquarters staff, and lately the soldiers have been plundering their compatriots. A very unsatisfactory condition of things exists."

Washington, May 6.-The Turkish legation has received the following advices from Constantinople dated today; Edhem Pasha telegraphs that the four divisions of the Ottoman army which were marching in Pharsala have met the Greeks in the villages of Soubashi, Soulidje, Turcomanli and Lamia, and after fierce fighting, which lasted fifteen hours, they dislodged them and advanced toward Pharsalos The latter place has just been vistoriously occupied by the imperial army. Athens, May 6.-Austria and Germany have joined the other powers in proposing meditation between Greece and Turkey.

General Smolenski is retreating slowly and in orderly fashion to Almyro, and Volo has been almost completely evacuated.

The forces under Prince Constantine reached Domokos unmolested, and have not been attacked today. It appears that the great massing of Turkish troops and their movements lead to a suspicion that an attempt was being projected to surround Pharsalos. A council of war was held in the Greek camp and it was decided to retire to Domokos, which was reached this The Transvaal Immigration Law Repealed morning at dawn. The Greeks promptly occupied strong positions on the mountain range overlooking Domo-

During Wednesday night the Turks continued to execute movements with a view of outflanking Pharsalos, and only discovered at daybreak this morn-London, May 6 .- A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Berlin says it is reported there that the powers have defor A. D. Martin, individually and for cided to land troops at Athens to prothe contractors as a firm, while a mem- | tect the dynasty, Greece having declined the preferred meditation and Turkey being willing to negotiate on easy terms if Crete is evacuated by the

Athens, May 6.-A collective note will be handed to the Greek and Turkish governments this (Thursday) evening or tomorrow, calling upon them to cease hostilities on the distinct assurance that the powers will undertake tiary. Some persons believe that he the final solution of the pending difficulties.

Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, whose schooner was detained by the Greek fleet on the assumption that papers found on board of her after his interviews with the Turks, were of a compromising character, arrived tonight, tion. He was met at Piraeus by M. Ralli, the premier, who conducted him to the British legation and requested Mr. Egerton, the British minister, not to allow him to leave the legation before quitting Athens, in order to prevent a demonstration. It has been decided to send Colonel

Vassos to Thessaly, and Colonel Stratos, with a new general staff, will replace Colonel Manos in Epirus. Two transport vessels have been sent to Volo to remove the few remaining inhabitants. The ammunitions, stores

and food supplies have already been taken to Stylis. It is rumored that the few wounded

salos have been butchered by the

Turks. London, May 6.—Evidently it was Edhem Pasha's ability to cut in between the two Greek armies which led to the speedy retreats that are the beginning of the end. The Greek accounts say that both retreats were orderly, but such news comes only from official sources in Athens, which are notoriously unreliable. It is just possible that, so far from being orderly, they may both have ended in a panic as was the case at Larissa. Edhera Pasha will almost certainly follow to prevent General Smolenski from rejoining the main army. In any event, General Smolenski is now cut off from all chance of embarking on the Greek vessels at Volo. He must either surrender to the Turks or endeavor to reach Lamai by the difficult mountain paths, so that everything indicates that Greece will be compelled to suc for peace in order to save the rem-

nant of her army from destruction The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Patras, says: "The Greeks have not obtained the slightest advantage since the Turkish advance began. The recall of the whole army to Arta for the third time has caused intense disgust among the troops, whose spirits will be fatally dampened unless they are allowed to go ahead."

The Daily Telegraph prints a dispatch from Vienna saying that the condition of the king of Greece is preca-

## Base Ball.

Philadelphia, May 6.-The Baltimore champions defeated Philadelphia today in a rather loosely played, but interesting game. Taylor was decidedly off in his pitching and aided in the Baltimores' run-getting by four wild pitches. Clark started to catch for Baltimore, but he was injured in the bombard the Greek regiments. Owing Boyle caught the remainder of the game. The score: Philadelphia ....000500000-5 9 2 Baltimore ......21012010\*-7 11 3 Batteries: Taylor, Grady and Boyle; Nops, Clark and Robinson, Umpire

Lynch; time 2:35. Louisville, May 6.-The Louisville team was late in arriving here today

Pittsburg, May 6.-Hawley redeemed himself by keeping the Reds' hits well. scattered and almost shutting them entire family in the village of Dios- out. The fielding of both teams was gilt-edge. The score: Pittsburg ......00100011\*-3 8 1 Cincinnati .....000000010-1 7 2 Batteries: Hawley and Merritt; Rhines and Reitz. Umpire Sheridan;

time 1:55. Boston, May 6.-Nichols was very effective today and held the Senators down to five scattering hits. Mercer also pitched good ball. Hamilton played a great game for the home team. while Selbach's work in the left field pasture was equally brilliant. The Boston ......... Washington .....100000000-1 5 2

Batteries: Nichols and Ganzel; Mercer and Farrell. Umpire Hurst; time New York, May 6.-At their first meeting this season, New York and Brooklyn played each other to a standstill. The game was called at the end of the tenth inning with the score tie. McMahon and "Dad" Clark were both hit hard and retired early. The

score: New York ....1100300400-9 12 6 Brooklyn .....3130000020-9 13 2: Batteries: Clark, Seymour and Warner; McMahon, Dunn and Grim. Um-

pire Emslie; time 2:25. Cleveland, May 6.-With the exception of Lange, the Colts were unable to touch Cuppy today. The Indians, through a combination of good base running, good luck and Chicago's poor fielding, managed to roll up five runs in a very slow and uninteresting game. The score: R. H. E. Cleveland ......111110001\*-5 6 1

Chicago ......1000000000-1 5 2 Batteries: Cuppy and Zimmer; Briggs and Anson. Umpire McDonald; time

ATLANTIC LEAGUE. At Richmond-Richmond ......0000000000 4 3 Norfolk .. N .... 000000010 -1 4 3 At Reading-Reading ......100101102-6 8 Athletics ......14040000\*-9 8 At Lancaster-R. H. E. Lancaster .....032000010-6 7 Hartford ......000200011-4 9 At Newark-Newark ......011054001-12 13 2 Paterson .....001110020-5 6 5

Pretoria, May 6.-The Volsraad held a protracted secret session yesterday to discuss the answer to be made to the dispatches of Mr. Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies, which demanded a repeal of the Transvaal immigration law. Today the Volksraad repealed the

law, not because it was a breach of the London convention, but because it was distasteful to neighboring states Mr. Coster, the Transvaal state attorney, has tendered his resignation in disapproval of the repeal.

Escape of Murderer from Lunatic Asylum. Trenton, N. J., May 6.-Louis Pheil, the convicted murderer of Christian Zaiss, of Vineland, escaped from the Trenton insane asylum today and has thus far evaded capture. Pheil was sent to the asylum from the penitenfeigned insanity while in the prison soas to better his chances of escape. Before being sent to the penitentiary Pheil threatened to kill his sister-inlaw, who lives in Vineland, and also some court officials. It is feared he will attempt to carry his threat into execu-

Export Duty on Pulp Wood.

Toronto, Ont., May 6-It is stated here on good authority that the dominion government will place an export duty on pulp wood before June 1st. The comservative government would have done so had it not been for the opposition of the lumber men. The latter are now a unit in favor of the duty.

Cynicus-I heard of a man today who buried a wife and child in the afternoon and went to the theater that

Manly-Was he a brute?" No; undertaker,-Collier's Weekly-