

SOUTH ATLANTIC OPENS SEASON

Visiting Teams Won Games in Every Instance—Fair Weather

(By Associated Press) Savannah, Ga., April 6.—Visiting teams in every instance won the opening games today in the eleventh annual season of the South Atlantic league.

"CONSCIENCE ACQUITTED HIM" John D. Jr. Feels That He Has Done His Duty as Miner

Washington April 6.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the richest man in the world, testified today before the house mines committee about the question of his moral responsibility for the industrial strife which has kept the coal fields of Southern Colorado in turmoil for six months.

LOCAL AND BRIEF

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HELD FUNERAL OF MRS. J. C. BURTON

Great Number of Sorrowing Friends Paid Last Tribute to Beloved Woman

The funeral of Mrs. J. Charles Burton was held at the home of the Boarder yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and was one of the most largely attended funerals ever held in this city.

URGE TEACHERS TO COME HERE

Every Rural School Association Is Asked to Send a Delegate to Anderson Saturday

Miss Maggie Burlington, rural school supervisor, is anxious for every one of the school improvement associations in the county to send a delegate to the meeting of the teachers' club, which will be held at the First Baptist church, this day, next Saturday, commencing at noon.

SEC. JAS. M. BAKER OPPOSE MR. AIKEN

It is Said That He Will Support Opponent in House

FOUR SHORT LINE RAILROADS MERGE

South Carolina Roads Unite With Over Two Million and Half of Capital

SLAVE TOOK AWAY FROM QUARRY

At Williamsport and Also Now Being Pursued

GEORGE MAN HAS HONORABLE MANIA

Killed Step-Father and Uncle—Fled to Virginia, Confessed, Assailed Prisoners

DOMESTIC CASES RESTORED TO DOCKET

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A MOST MOMENTOUS LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

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(By Associated Press) Chicago, April 6.—Wet and dry forces rested tonight on the eve of the most momentous local option election ever held in Illinois.

The recent enfranchisement of Illinois women is regarded by the anti-liquor leaders as their greatest hope of victory.

County Judge Owens, head of the county election machinery, tonight asked Chief of Police Gleason to change the detail of policemen in the First Ward toward the aldermanic elections.

Anderson may be benefitted

Rating on Greenville's Freight Rates May Have Bearing on The Local Situation

Since the interstate commerce commission held Saturday that the Greenville freight rate on coal is unreasonable, it is believed that a similar view might be taken by the commission on other rates.

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Cancel the Exequator

Huerta Regime Revokes Carothers' Papers Because of Alleged Misrepresentation

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, April 6.—The Mexican foreign minister, Senator Porfirio Y. Rojas, informed the Associated Press today that the Mexican government had intercepted a telegram from George C. Carothers, the American Consular Agent at Torreon, to Secretary of State Bryan, declaring "it is advisable to persist in the statement that Torreon had fallen, though such was not the case, in order to prevent the government from getting reinforcements to the aid of Velasco."

This said the foreign minister was the reason for the withdrawal of Consul Carothers' exequatur.

In making this announcement, the minister appeared to be fully convinced that the Federalists were still holding Torreon. He said that President Huerta had so told him, which information he did not doubt.

The war department, announced the receipt today of dispatches from the customs agent at Piedras Negras, reporting that Generals La Mouge and Maas, at the head of their forces, had entered Torreon. These generals recently were reported to be at San Pedro, where they were meeting with strong opposition from the rebels.

Governor Bleas Accepts invitation

Columbia, April 6.—The governor will go to Walterboro next Saturday to address the people of Colleton County. The governor was invited, and accepted the invitation. He is expected to talk on politics and in some quarters it is looked for as the time and place where Governor Bleas will formally open his campaign for the United States senate against Senator E. D. Smith.

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Method of Taxation to Relieve Small Owners

among the poor people. For a quarter of a century demagogues have been hammering the laborers and the small farmers, telling them that they are being robbed by the taxing power.

The average size of the South Carolina farm in 1913 was 76.8 acres. Since 1880 the size of the farm has been decreasing yearly and it average value has been increasing.

Between 1900 and 1910 the total farming acreage of the state decreased 3.4, but the improvement that increased 5.6 per cent. The number of South Carolina farms have increased 40 per cent during the last 40 years, while the net increase in the amount of farm land has been only 11.6.

Two-fifths of the farms in South Carolina are from 20 to 48 acres in size, nearly one-half from 50 to 99 acres, and a little more than one-sixth from 10 to 19 acres.

Some of the benefits of the proposed exemption of small farms are, namely, good citizenship as related to home ownership.

The exemption would multiply the small holdings and their development of farms to a value of \$50 an acre.

It is thought unwise to grant a complete exemption of any property from taxation the same objects might be affected by making the tax nominal on the small holdings, but in my judgement total exemption for definite periods would be the better of the plans.

As houses and lands would not be exempt from special taxation for local benefit, the freeholders or electors of each district could still vote a special school tax.

Of immense importance would be the promotion of good feeling between the wealthy and well-to-do classes and the aspiring and thriftily

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BOILER EXPLOSION KILLED FIREMAN

Two Others Seriously Injured When Boiler of Torpedo Boat Bursts

Norfolk, Va., April 6.—The explosion of the forward boiler on the torpedo boat Alywin last morning, caused the death of first class fireman Higman, and the serious injury of first class fireman James E. Seaton and water tender Barney Glenn.

The explosion occurred while the Alywin was 16 miles South of Diamond Shoals, at 5:45 o'clock this morning. The force of the explosion was so great, three plates on the board side of the craft were blown off, and two of her compartments filled with water.

The Bonham took off the three injured men and started under full speed for Norfolk. She left the scene of the explosion a few minutes after 6 o'clock this morning and arrived at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon, the distance covered being about 130 miles.

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PENDLETON

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