

Actress, Politician Jewel Miller Dies

La Jolla

Izetta Jewel Miller, once the nation's highest paid actress and a women's rights activist, died yesterday at the age of 94.

In 1920, she became the first woman ever to second a presidential nomination at a national convention. In 1930 she was the Democratic nominee to Congress from her district in West Virginia.

Twice earlier, she ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate as the first woman from the South to win a major party's nomination.

As early as 1913, she was active in women's rights and helped found Actor's Equity.

A native of Hackettstown, N.J., she began her acting career at the age of 15 in Boston. She became the leading lady of the best theater in Washington, D.C.

President William Howard Taft



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Women's activist Jewel Miller
in a recent photograph

was watching her perform when he was told the Titanic was sinking. He stayed in the audience. President Woodrow Wilson described her publicly as his favorite actress.

She was featured in the first play ever televised in 1928.

In 1914, she was married to a West Virginia congressman, William G. Brown Jr., who died two years later, leaving her with their infant daughter and \$3.5 million.

In 1925, she married H. G. Miller, dean of engineering at George Washington University. When he went to Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., she was made the city's commissioner of public welfare.

Miller, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, died in 1965 after they moved to Southern California.

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OBITUARY: Jewel Miller.
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