



OPERA HOUSE Midnight Show Christmas Eve

S. C. GROUP FIGHTING HIGHER RAIL RATES

Columbia—South Carolina opposition to the proposed 15 per cent freight rate increase asked by railroad took definite form Wednesday when letters were written asking "vigorous co-operation" from congressmen in the fight.

J. K. Breedin, managing director of the South Carolina Federation of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry, wrote the State's Washington representatives, the Interstate Commerce commission and the Consumer's council setting out opposition to the proposed rate increase.

His letter: "The directors of the South Carolina Farm council (a unit of the federation) met today with producers and shippers of agricultural products and unanimously resolved to oppose any increase in freight rates as would apply to unprocessed farm products, including all the usual crops, as well as vegetables and fruits.

"The meeting was representative of all farming, trucking, and fruit growing interest of the state and was characterized by active participation by all of the groups indicated.

"The farmer cannot pass these items to his customers and must therefore absorb all the costs which can be charged against him. (One need not repeat what is so often said, that the farmer pays an additional price as a consumer for all the increases and advances which other interests add to their costs and pass in to the consumers; but the farmer's product is sold in markets beyond his control, making it unavoidable that he should assume and absorb all the items of cost.

"By direction of the council I send you this letter soliciting your earnestly your vigorous cooperation."

MILDRED DRAFTS

Mildred Drafts, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Drafts of Leesville, died Wednesday morning at the local hospital following a brief illness.

Services were held Thursday afternoon at Cedar Grove Lutheran church in Saluda county, conducted by the Rev. L. O. Ruff.

Besides her parents surviving are a brother, David Drafts and two sisters, Helen and Violet Drafts.

HIGH TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS PERCULIAR CANADIAN WILL

Ottawa, Ont.—The famous stork derby will of Charles Vance Millar is legal. All the courts have to do now is to determine who gets the money. Canada's highest court ruled Wednesday that the rich and eccentric Toronto attorney had a perfect right to bequeath his fortune—estimated at more than \$500,000—to the mother who bore the most children in Toronto during a 10-year period dating from his death; but it ruled also that illegitimate children don't count.

The supreme court decision left the stork derby situation like this:

1. The petition of Millar's "next of kin" challenging the will is disallowed and the document stands valid unless the judiciary committee of the privy council in London—the highest court of appeals in the British empire—should decree otherwise. An appeal there is considered hardly likely.

2. The courts now must determine what mother, or mothers, bore the most children under the terms of the will.

Today's decision came simultaneously with news from Toronto that Mrs. Martin Kenny, the leading contender for the fortune, was out of danger after the stillbirth of a child—her sixteenth, according to Mrs. Kenny's count, though other mothers have disputed it.

Mrs. Kenny claims to have given birth to 11 children during the 10-year period specified by Millar's will, but only nine of them are registered, as required by the will. "I really had 12", she once said, "but I'm willing to settle for 11. That's enough to win."

Validity of the Millar will was challenged before the supreme court by two relatives of the prankster bar-rister. These relatives, Ababella West and Alexander Butcher, asked that the will be set aside on the grounds that it was contrary to public policy.

They argued that the document, which Millar himself admitted in its preamble to be "uncommon and capricious," was actually "monstrous and indecent," and subversive to motherhood.

"We find it impossible to affirm that a policy of encouraging large families by pecuniary rewards to the parents... would have a tendency injurious to the State or to the people

PERSONAL ITEMS

Miss Martha Jane Grey left the city last week end to spend the holidays with her parents in Ohio.

Miss Clara Schaeffer left Wednesday morning for her home in Kansas City, Kan., to be with her parents during Christmas.

Mrs. Clark claimed to have borne nine children in the 10-year period in Toronto; but a point was made that five children were born after she and her husband were separated.

The mothers who claim to have borne nine properly registered children in the 10-year period and who thus believe themselves entitled to the fortune or shares of it are:

Mrs. Martin Kenny, Mrs. Kathleen Nagle, Mrs. Lucy Timpleck, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Hilda Graziano, Mrs. Grace Bagnato, and Mrs. Vera Mel-drum.

Guardians of the estate have expressed eagerness to settle the matter promptly, but have petitioned the courts to decide who is entitled to the money.

Millar, a wealthy lawyer, sportsman and bachelor, died October 31, 1926.

A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robinson, of Shelly street, announce the birth of a daughter at the local hospital, on Thursday, December 16. The little girl has been named Sherry.

EXCHANGE BANK LANDS FOR SALE

The receiver of The Exchange Bank offers the following real estate for sale: The Wallace house and lot on College street; Johnstone lands on paved road from Newberry to Pomaria, subdivided into tracts containing 48.28 acres, 50.69 acres and 59.80 acres; the Boyd place, at Boyd's crossing, on two railroads and public highway from Newberry to Prosperity. Call on the undersigned for prices etc.

H. C. HOLLOWAY, Receiver

H. K. Bedenbaugh SIGNS

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"Satisfaction Guaranteed"

1103 Boyce St. Newberry, S. C.

Miss Ethel Jones left Tuesday for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. T. A. Scarborough in Columbia, and Mrs. J. C. Brogden in Brogden.

Miss Theresa Leightsey is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Fairfax.

Teachers home from Columbia for the holidays are Miss Lucy McCaughrin, Miss Cornelia Mayer, and Miss Pearl West.

Miss Frances Jones will spend the Christmas holidays in Cleveland, Ohio, with her brother, Roy Jones and Mrs. Jones. From Cleveland Miss Jones goes to Pittsburg where she will join Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Adams to attend a music festival there.

HAL'S ADLETS

We still have oddles of fine gift items. A lot of merchandise arrived last week end to replenish our stock. You want find us "sold out" of nice things.

Our poinsettias and other Christmas potted plants are lovely. Some said the store looked like fairyland with all the lovely plants. We'd like for you to see the flowers.

Cut flowers, carnations, roses, lilies, gladioli.

If you wish flowers delivered elsewhere we wire orders to all parts of the world. Guaranteed service.

Books for children and adults. Lots of them. 50c up.

God's minute book of prayers 60c and \$1 editions.

Christmas cards. Plenty of nice ones. New Years cards now on display.

Christmas wreaths for home or cemetery use. Made of painted holly leaves and other preserved foliage and burs.

Canary birds, imported singers. Cages and stands. A canary in a cage makes a lovely gift.

Our business this Christmas has been good. Thanks to the many who like quality things. We have no reason to "sing the blues" about December sales. We are thankful.

Christmas morning we will be open until noon, to take care of the Christmas day flower deliveries.

To one and all we wish a merry Christmas.

—Verna and Hal Kohn

Are The Cotton Mills Worth Keeping?

Sometimes our blessings seem so commonplace, and are so close to us, that we take them for granted and do not adequately evaluate them.

The cotton textile mills of South Carolina, for instance, have for years been an integral part of our life, at our very elbows wherever we turn. We have become so accustomed to them that we actually look upon them as our just due, our very own, like the climate and like the many public facilities which we jointly own and enjoy. In reality, however, the cotton textile mills are not public institutions at all. They are privately owned corporations, though actually they produce benefits which are publicly enjoyed.

Together our cotton mills supply a very large proportion of the man-made assets which the state affords. So many are the advantages which we as citizens derive from this industry, that hardly a man, woman or child can be found in the State who has not benefitted from the payrolls or the sundry purchases of the mills, or the taxes which they pay.

It is suggested that you study the figures below in the light of the benefits which you derive as a citizen, and ask yourself the question, "Are the cotton mills worth keeping?"

First, consider the payrolls—wages only—\$56,498,852.00 in 1936, according to the Department of Labor. Is it worth while to preserve this to supply the trade and income for our merchants, farmers, educators, bankers, doctors, lawyers, ministers, insurance men, and other trade and professional men and women? In the face of the decrease in our agricultural income, what would we do without our industrial payrolls? The bulk of these payrolls are spent right here in our State.

Then consider the huge purchases of the mills:

- 1,155,094 Bales of Cotton in 1936.
- 774,085,408 K. W. Hours of Electricity in 1936.
- 597,322 Tons of Coal in 1936.

(S. C. Dept. of Labor Report of 1936)

And the huge amount of gasoline, oil, cord wood, building materials, freight, express and postal services, and hundreds of other services and general equipment and supplies purchased each year by the cotton mills. Together the mills' purchases run into hundreds of millions of dollars as they buy from individuals and corporations throughout the state. Together they represent the state's largest customer.

These expenditures, when added to the millions of dollars of taxes paid by the mills, represent a figure spent in South Carolina totaling \$150,000,000.00. This is greater than the value of the State's farm crops, greater than the expenditures for highway purposes, greater than the expenditures of the railroads within the State, the power companies or any other single class of industry. It is greater than the total of individual bank deposits within the State, nearly six times greater than the total savings deposits within the State, greater than the total value of the annual products of all other industries in the State, and thirteen times greater than annual public school expenditures in South Carolina.

The value to each South Carolina citizen of the annual expenditures of the cotton mills within the State is apparent.

If these advantages are worth keeping, are they worth protecting?

The Cotton Manufacturers Association of S. C.

6 MORE DAYS

INVENTORY Tax Dodging Sale

Absolutely Ends Dec. 31st

NO Carrying Charges! NO Interest!

We have unanimously decided to give to our people of Newberry county this year's inventory tax, which is taken on January first, on our stock of good, clean used cars.

1929 CHEVROLET TRUCK	\$65.00
1934-67 BUICK SEDAN	\$750.00
1926 DODGE SEDAN	\$125.00
1936-61 BUICK SEDAN	\$885.00
1931 CHEVROLET COACH	\$225.00
1929 DODGE SEDAN	\$50.00
1930 CHEVROLET SEDAN	\$215.00
1933 CHEVROLET COACH	\$315.00
1935 CHEVROLET STANDARD COACH	\$425.00
1931 CHEVROLET COUPE	\$195.00
1929 DODGE COACH	75.00
1930 BUICK SEDAN	135.00
1935 CHEVROLET COACH	\$445.00
1936 FORD COACH	\$425.00
1932 CHEVROLET COACH	\$245.90
1931 CHEVROLET SEDAN	\$195.00
1936 BUICK SEDAN	\$760.00
1934 CHEVROLET TRUCK	\$375.00
1927 CHEVROLET TOURING	\$65.00

Davis Motor Co.