

PETITION ASKS MERGER OF TWO INSULL FIRMS

Consolidation Sought by Northern Indiana Utilities.

Merger of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company into the Northern Indiana Public Service Company is proposed in a petition filed today with the public service commission. Both companies are controlled by Samuel Insull, Middle Western utilities king. Operating revenue of the two companies last year aggregated \$10,000,000. Their combined capitalization will be \$44,923,000, the petition showed. Both companies operate in the same general territories in northern Indiana, serving twenty-five counties with a population of 660,000. The petition proposes converting of common and class A preferred stock of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company into common and preferred stocks of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, share for share. It is estimated that after the merger, the revenue received from the sale of electricity will be 49.21 per cent of the total; 49.46 per cent from the sale of gas and 1.33 per cent from the water and steam heat branches of the business. The Northern Indiana Public Service Company has gas manufacturing plants at Elkhart and Valparaiso. The Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company has gas manufacturing plants at Hammond, Michigan City, South Bend, Plymouth, Ft. Wayne, Peru, Lafayette, Crawfordsville and Frankfort. Some of the larger cities that will be served by the two companies to be merged, in addition to those named above, are East Chicago, Whiting, Mishawaka, Logansport and Wabash.

DRINK WATER WHEN KIDNEYS HURT YOU

Take Glass of Salts if Your Back Aches or Bladder Troubles You.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it may mean you have been eating foods which create acids, says a well-known authority. An excess of such acids overloads the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, also you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the system, so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive, can not injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink. Drink lots of soft water.

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Hoosier Briefs

TWO hundred and fifty men went on a fox hunt near Grandview and caught one fox. James Harris bought the fox for \$8. Each hunter's share was less than 8 cents.

Preparations are being made for several hundred visitors Friday to Lincoln Park at Lincoln City, where the mother of Abraham Lincoln is buried.

Clyde H. Jones, public service commissioner, in a speech at Purdue University, predicted one great public utility company would eventually control electrical energy in Indiana.

Harvey, Kessler of Monon leads the honor roll at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. Flora Smith of Rockville and Evelyn Williams of Wheatland tied for second honors.

William R. Elwood, 51, is dead at Connersville in the first fatal accident the Connersville Blower Company has had in thirty-three years. Elwood was struck by a heavy steel beam which fell from a crane.

"HELL WEEK" activities of Wabash fraternities have been hampered by an order of Police Chief Shields that freshmen must keep out of grave yards. One freshman reported he was fired at when he attempted to copy an epitaph from a tombstone.

Warsaw children are hopeful. The Pango Milk Chocolate Company of Toledo, Ohio, will take over the old Winona Traction Company power plant as a factory building.

Lee McDuffee, Ft. Wayne, has been elected president of the Ft. Wayne District Colt Club.

Students at Goshen College have donated \$1,000 toward maintenance of Brethren missions in Indiana and for furnishing a social room at the college.

FARM PROGRAM MADE

Conference at Purdue Works Out Relief Plans.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 10.—Indiana business men, farmers and civic workers today had before them a plan designed to improve agricultural conditions in the State.

The program was adopted by various leaders, who met here in a joint conference to discuss the farm situation. The program as adopted calls for increased soil fertilization; growing of more legumes; more live stock; sponsoring more boys and girls clubs; more economic production; better leases for farm renters, and encouraging intensive production.

PERSHING SPEEDS NORTH

Will Deliver Report to President Coolidge. KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 10.—Gen. John J. Pershing today was speeding northward via train to Washington, where he will deliver his report to President Coolidge on the Tacna-Arica boundary dispute, in which he was neutral commissioner. He is not well and plans to enter a Washington hospital soon.

HIS STOMACH TOO WEAK

He Couldn't Drink Water, He Had to Have Wine.

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 10.—A weak stomach, so weak that it could not stand water, was given as the reason for the possession of 200 gallons of wine, by Steve Hursty in court here. Today Steve was under suspended sentence with a heavy fine to pay.

CLUB TO START TERM

Bible Investigation Group Lessons Are Announced.

The winter term of the Y. M. C. A. Bible Investigation Club will open this evening. Lessons to be studied include: Laws and institutions of the Old Testament; history in the making; the form of Hebrew poetry; the minor prophets; the major prophets; review of the life of Christ; organic development of the early church and scattering epistles and revelation.

The Rev. F. A. Hayward, executive secretary of the Federated Baptist Churches of Indianapolis, will be the instructor. The class will meet each Wednesday.

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FAIR COUNTESS BARRED BY U. S.

So Divorcee Mocks Statue of Liberty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Vera, Countess Cathcart, whose sloped-shoulder three years ago with the young Earl of Craven to South Africa after she had been divorced by her husband was the sensation of British society, was denied permission to land when the Cunard liner Carnarvon arrived from Liverpool last night.

Immigration officials ordered her to stay aboard the vessel overnight to appear before a special board of inquiry at Ellis Island today.

The countess, who said she made the voyage to visit friends here and produce a play, "Ashes," of which she is the author, was indignant.

"By the way, have you a statue of Liberty?" she asked. "When we came up the bay in the fog we could hardly see it; but what's the use of seeing Liberty if you're treated as a criminal just because you are a divorcee?"

CHAMP CHARLESTONERS

Grand Rapids Brother and Sister Win Chicago Contest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Miss Louise Sullivan, 20, and her brother, J. F. Sullivan, 18, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are the champion Charleston dancers of the country. They took the national Charleston contest from hundreds of entries representing all parts of the country at a Chicago ballroom last night. The couple had never tried to dance the Charleston until three months ago.

WOMAN, 102, DIES

TIPPECANOE, Ind., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Margaret Tyler, 102, said to have been the oldest woman in central Indiana, is dead at the home of a daughter here today.

KLAN FACTION REVOLTS

Members Opposed to New Dragon Will Meet Sunday.

Northern Indiana members of the Ku-Klux Klan, dissatisfied with the appointment of W. Lee Smith of Evansville as grand dragon to succeed Walter Bossert, will meet Sunday at Kokomo, it has been announced by Eddie Granger, deputy State fire marshal, who resigned from the Klan Tuesday.

Alfred Hogston, State fire marshal also resigned. Hogston formerly was great titan of the northern province and Granger was cyclops of the Logansport Klan.

WIFE TAKES POISON; DIES

Husband Witness—Man Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. Melvina Stafford, 19, of 862 Coffey St., died at city hospital Tuesday night, shortly after she was taken there suffering from the effects of poison which police say she drank at the Traction Terminal Bldg.

Officers state she asked her husband Ted Stafford to buy her a paper cup. She drank the poison from this. Her husband saw her take the poison, but was unable to reach her in time to prevent the act. No motive was given.

The condition of Charles Workman, 38, of 2103 Jackson St., remained serious at the city hospital, where he was taken late Tuesday suffering from the effects of a slow-acting poison said by police to have been self-administered with suicide intent.

SHANK AT RICHMOND

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 10.—Prohibition today stands branded as a "farce," by Samuel Lewis Shank, former mayor of Indianapolis. In an address before the Rotary club here Shank also made a plea to take "all judges out of politics."

CHRONIC HEAD COLD

A Simple Method of Prevention

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