

# STATE TO PROBE PROPOSED \$70,000,000 POWER MERGER

## 18 UTILITIES OF INDIANA NAMED IN INSULL PLAN

Service Commission to Hold Inquiry; Affects 280 Communities.

### THOROUGH QUIZ NEEDED

Public Hearings, Audits and Appraisals Outlined as Procedure.

Preparations were being made today by Harvey Harmon, public service commissioner, for a thorough investigation into the proposed \$70,000,000 merger of eleven power and transportation units of the Central Indiana Power Company, controlled by Samuel Insull, and seven like utilities controlled by the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. Petition for the merger was filed late Monday.

With 280 communities in Indiana affected by the State's largest utility deal, it will be necessary, to prepare for audits and appraisals of the properties involved and for public hearing in the communities interested.

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company, according to the T. H. I. & E. attorney, Will H. Latta, who with James W. Fesler, of Fesler, Elam and Young, representing the Insull interests filed the petition, will not be directly affected.

The common stock of the local company will go into the merger, but its preferred stock, which controls, will remain in the hands of those controlling the street car company at present, Latta said.

No apparent dissatisfaction of stockholders of the various companies involved has been reported. Statute requirements are that at least 75 per cent of the owners of each of the interested utilities must approve the merger plan before it is presented to the public service commission for action.

#### Involve Many Properties

Properties included in the merger are: Holdings of the Central Indiana Power Company, which includes the Indiana Electric Corporation, Northern Indiana Power Company, Attica Electric Company, Wabash Valley Electric Company, Noblesville Water and Light Company, Indiana Gas Light Company, Colfax Electric Light Company, Morlan Electric Light and Power Company, Mulberry Light and Power Company, Stilesville Electric Company, and the West Lebanon Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, and the holdings of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company.

Holdings of the latter combine are common capital stock of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, Terre Haute Traction and Light Company, Indianapolis and North-western Traction Company, Indianapolis and Martinsville Rapid Transit Company, Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Electric Railway Company, West Indiana Utilities Company, which owns all of the capital stock of the Brazil Electric Corporation.

Combined financial status of the companies is placed at \$77,554,542 which has been reduced to \$70,000,000 so that the consolidation could be accomplished according to Halsey, Stuart Company, brokers handling the deal.

#### Methods Outlined

Methods of exchange and re-nancing of the merged companies as set forth in the petition are: Both common and preferred stock of the Indiana Electric Corporation and the Terre Haute Traction and Light Company shall be canceled and retired, and:

(a) For the outstanding common stock of Central Indiana Power Company, Indiana Electric Corporation shall issue in exchange its common stock without par value.

(b) For each share of the preferred stock of Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co., Indiana Electric Corporation shall issue in exchange three-fourths of one share of its adjustment preferred stock.

(c) For each ten shares of the common stock of Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co., Indiana Electric Corporation shall issue in exchange three-fourths of one share of its adjustment preferred stock.

(d) For each share of the preferred stock of the Central Indiana Power Company, Indiana Electric Corporation shall issue in exchange one share of its 7 per cent cumulative prior preferred stock.

(e) For each share of the preferred stock of Terre Haute Traction and Light Company, Indiana Electric Corporation shall issue in exchange one share of its 7 per cent cumulative prior preferred stock.

#### Stock Exchanges Detailed

Approval of issuance of capital stock in the following manner is also asked:

One share of its 7 per cent cumulative prior preferred stock in exchange for each share of the outstanding preferred stock of Central Indiana Power Company.

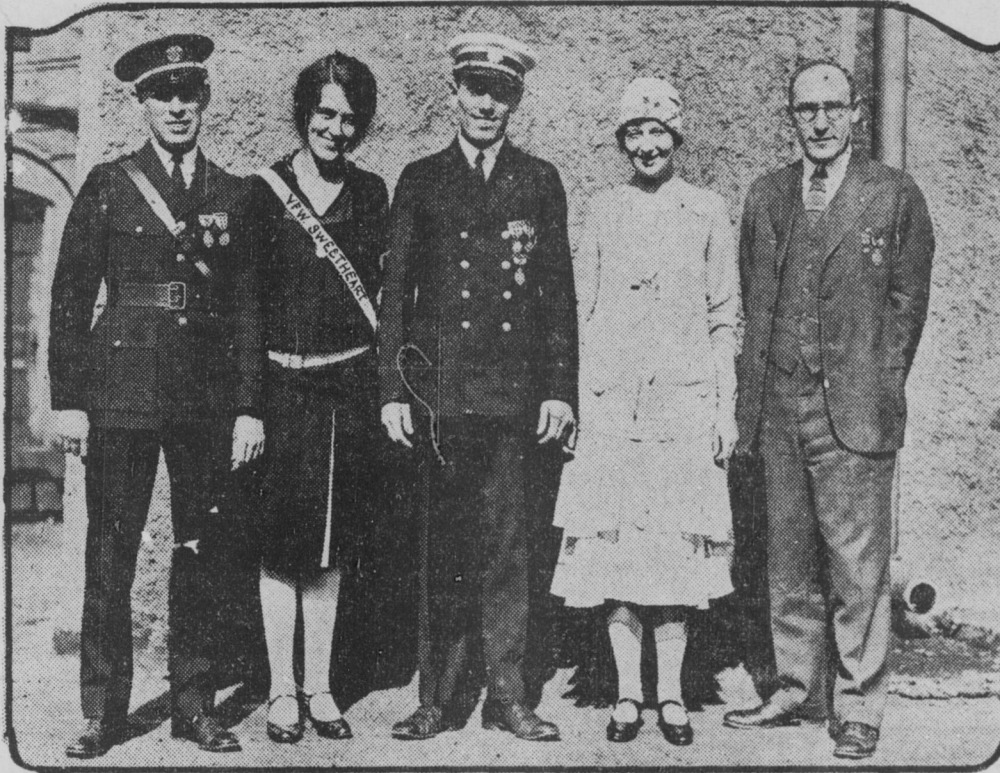
One share of its 7 per cent cumulative prior preferred stock in exchange for each share of the outstanding preferred stock of Terre Haute Traction and Light Company.

Three-fourths of one share of its adjustment preferred stock in exchange for each share of the outstanding preferred stock of Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company.

Three-fourths of one share of its adjustment preferred stock in exchange for each ten shares of the outstanding common stock of Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company.

One million five hundred thousand shares of its common stock

## She's 'Sweetheart' of the V. F. W.



"THIS week I'm in love with 20,000 men," declared Miss Kittie Mulhall, Chicago, Ill. (second from left), "sweetheart" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the annual encampment in Indianapolis this week.

"And I've been their sweetheart for five or six years now at every national encampment." Kittie works at the Chicago city hall.

"Here's three of my sweethearts with me now. The man on my right is James E. Van Zandt, Nice name. And he is the state commander of Pennsylvania. Au Altona boy."

"The Rev. Joseph B. Head was national chaplain last year. I'm holding him with my left arm. He is from Louisville, Ky."

"But that is all right, because Mrs. Head is right here with us. The man way over on the end is Paul C. Wilson, Baltimore, Md., judge advocate general. He will put his uniform on later," said Kittie.

## SMITH IS GIVEN BIG SENDOFF

New Jersey Throngs Cheer Al on Way Home.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Governor Alfred E. Smith returned here early this morning through lanes of old-fashioned "red fire" in New Jersey's industrial cities, as thousands of Democrats of that State waved him farewell in a more colorful demonstration than any accorded him in his four-day visit.

Throngs lined the streets, shouting enthusiastically, "Hello, Al." They carried flaming torches so closely associated with politics of a past generation.

Today the candidate turned his attention to the campaign in this State and other parts of the country. He conferred further with his New York lieutenants about his speaking itinerary, which he expects to complete within another week.

He will remain here tonight, leaving early Wednesday for Syracuse, where he will attend the annual "farm dinner" and will be the principal figure in "Governor's day" at the State fair Thursday.

The Governor was pleased with his New Jersey welcome and State political leaders told him the greeting proved he would carry the State.

## NEW BRIDGE SUPPLANTS 100-YEAR-OLD FERRY

Thousands Attend Dedication at Rogers Station Today.

By Times Special

ROGERS, Ind., Aug. 28.—With dedication here today of a new bridge across White River, making travel more convenient between Washington and Petersburg, a ferry service, in existence more than a century, will go out of business. It was licensed about 115 years ago by Pike and Daviess County commissioners.

Albert J. Wedeking, State highway commission chairman, delivered the dedicatory address, which was heard by several thousand persons. Efforts to obtain a bridge at this point have continued for eight years. The span is 200 feet long.

## LOTTA CRABTREE WILL UPHELD; ENDS BATTLE

\$5,000,000 Bequest of Stage Star Long Disputed.

By United Press

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 28.—The millions which Lotta Crabtree amassed as the favorite stage star of her generation will be disposed of in three manner that she specified in her will.

A ruling by Judge William M. Prest, in Suffolk Superior Court here, apparently brings to an end one of the most extraordinary legal battles of its kind in recent American history.

Judge Prest allowed the \$5,000,000 will after dismissing the claim of Annie S. Fretwell of San Francisco, supposedly a first cousin of the deceased.

## 250 BOYS TO CAMP

Exhibitors in State Fair Will Get Outing.

Arrangements have been made to care for at least 250 boys who will attend the annual boys' camp to be held in connection with the Indiana State Fair which opens Saturday. The personnel of the camp will be made up of boys who are exhibiting live stock in the club work exhibits and those who will take part in the live stock judging contests.

In charge of the boys' camp will be a corps of young men who act as county agents in the State. These men have arranged a program for the week which will be educational with enough entertainment to make the camp interesting.

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## MANY NATIONS SWING IN LINE TO END WARS

At Least Dozen Countries to Join 15 Powers in Pact.

By Ralph Heinzen,

United Press Special Correspondent

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Twenty-four hours after the Kellogg treaty had been signed in behalf of fifteen great nations, assurances were received today that other countries, big and small, would fall in line behind the move to make war eventually almost impossible.

More than a dozen nations were reported already to have notified Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France, and Frank B. Kellogg of the United States, who sponsored the agreement, that they desired to agree to it.

Of the two copies of the treaty, one will remain here and the other was ready to go back to the United States in Kellogg's trunk. It will not even be necessary for the other nations to sign the treaty, it was explained. Only formal declaration of adherence, backed by parliamentary ratification were constitutions require it, will be needed.

One nation eager to be the first to come in after the original fifteen, was said to have instructed its minister in Paris to sign the treaty today if it could be arranged.

It was arranged to have Russia and Afghanistan, which do not have friendly relations with the United States, invited by France and England. Virtually all other nations have received invitations from other sources.

The plenipotentiaries, with the exception of Gustav Stresemann of Germany, whose health is poor, visited President Domergue at the summer palace at Rambouillet today and remained for lunch.

## Screen Star and Noted Violinist Secretly Wed

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Jascha Heifetz, 28, former "infant prodigy" of the musical world, and Florence Vidor, motion picture actress and mother of a 9-year-old daughter, have gone for a honeymoon on the west coast after a secret wedding at the Mayfair House here.

It is seldom that two such celebrated persons as the young concert violinist and the former wife of King Vidor are able to marry in New York without a blare of publicity.

Gene Tunney even found it difficult to get engaged.

But the friends of Heifetz and Miss Vidor kept their secret for eight days after their marriage on Aug. 20 by Supreme Court Justice Alfred Frankenthaler.

The couple boarded the Lake Shore limited Monday for the coast. In Hollywood Miss Vidor will make a picture and return to New York later in the autumn when her husband sails for a concert tour in Europe.

Heifetz and Miss Vidor returned to the United States recently on the Ile De France, but the couple denied reports they were engaged.

The violinist's musical career started when he was three years old in Vilna, a Lithuanian province, where he was born. Two years later he entered the Royal School of Music of Vilna. He made his first public appearance in 1905.

Miss Vidor was divorced in Los Angeles three years ago from King Vidor, motion picture actor and director.

The exodus for home was due to begin before night. Secretary Kellogg will be taken to Dublin aboard the cruiser Detroit with William T. Cosgrave, president of the Irish Free State, to repay Cosgrave's recent visit to the United States.



Florence Vidor Heifetz

## SUSPECT RUSE IN FIRE DEATH

Authorities Doubt Victim Was Thomas Burke.

By Times Special

ANGOLA, Ind., Aug. 28.—Doubt as to identity of Steuben County's fire death mystery victim exists in the minds of some authorities investigating the case. They believe that Thomas Burke is not the victim and that the body was so identified as a ruse to protect Burke, who they believe still lives.

J. F. Waltham, Toledo, Ohio, who identified the body, is under indictment at Toledo for a bank robbery July 14 last. Authorities are giving him considerable attention, as they are puzzled as to how he became so familiar with contents of a traveling bag supposed to have been the property of the dead man.

According to Waltham, Burke served a term with him in a Florida prison. Toledo police say they have no record of Burke.

Resignation of Sheriff Charles Zimmerman, absent from here when the body was discovered, and who admits he was on a party in Michigan with his deputy, Miss Nellie Coleman, 24, was withdrawn by him Monday at a session of Steuben County commissioners. He expressed a desire to aid in the murder probe, asserting "I want to come back and make good." Zimmerman has four months of his term yet to serve.

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