

SAM INSULL PLANS MONSTER PUBLIC UTILITIES TRUST

More details concerning the formation of giant public utilities corporation, engineered by Sam Insull, Ira M. Cobe, Henry A. Blair, John J. Mitchell, Jim Patten and others, are gradually leaking out.

New information has been uncovered which shows that the scheme has really been in working order since May, 1912. If everything goes through the following companies will be merged:

Commonwealth Edison..	\$ 50,000,000
People's Gas Light & Coke Co.....	50,000,000
*Chicago Railways Co..	73,300,000
*Chicago City Ry. Co...	51,650,000
Chicago Elevated Railway Trust.....	96,000,000
Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.....	41,000,000
Illinois Northern Utilities Co.....	34,000,000
United Light & Railways Co., Mich.....	34,000,000
New Albany, Ind., Water Works	650,000
Louisville & Northern Railways & Lighting..	5,500,000
Louisville & Southern Indiana Traction Co...	4,000,000
Central Illinois Public Service Co.....	700,000
Total	\$509,200,000

*For the Chicago surface railways, which have only nominal capital stock, present value under the ordinance figures are used.

The trust will be known as the Middle Western Public Utilities Co.

When the company was really formed in May, 1912, it was known as the Middle Western Public Utilities Co. of Delaware, and was incorporated in the state of Delaware with Samuel Insull as president.

The chief subsidiary at that time was the Middle Western Utilities Co. of Illinois. Now they are bold enough to make their scheme public.

The "friendly" merger of the Peo-

ple's Gas, Light and Coke Co. and the Commonwealth Edison Co. was the first step in the completion of the deal.

Sam Insull has already got his work in by having either himself or his automatons elected to the executive board of all the companies involved.

500 IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 27.—Having defied the order of Judge Humphries forbidding street speaking of Socialists, Chairman Price at a meeting last night invited everybody present to follow to jail four deputies who had come to arrest all who were in contempt. 500 persons immediately arose and trailed behind the officers. Eleven men stepped into the jail when the deputies asked those who had defied and insulted the judge to come inside. A man and wife, each carrying a baby, said they were in contempt and wanted to be jailed, but were excluded. 180 more Socialists today notified Judge Humphries that they held his order in contempt.

BITS OF NEWS

Peoria, Ill.—Otto Hofer, special policeman, shot and killed in barroom of Savoy Hotel by Wm. Schuster, proprietor. Schuster claims he fired in self-defense.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Three men and one woman injured when auto turned turtle while they were attempting to escape from motorcycle police for speeding.

Wichita, Kas.—Federal Judge Pollock, who interpreted Mann white slave law as applying only to commercialism, today sentenced Arthur E. Hamerick, brakeman, to two years in penitentiary at Leavenworth and added fine of \$2,000. Hamerick was convicted of bringing a woman from Tulsa, Okla., to Wichita for immoral purposes.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Nude body of murdered boy found on golf links at Whitemarsh Country Club.