SAN FRANCISCO MEN PLEAD FOR RELIEF IN WATER FAMINE

Secretary Fisher Presides at Hearing on Hetchy-Hetchy Question.

Residents of San Francisco crying for relief from their water famine and members of civic associations bent on scenery saving, crowded the office of Secretary of the Interior Fisher today when the first session was held of the hearing which will convince the Interior Department one way or the other with respect to the Hetchy-Hetchy valley question.

Arguments will be conducted for four or five days but the field of discussion will largely be limited to two or three particular questions, it was announced by Secretary Fisher at the start of the hearing.

The endless ramifications into which the Hetchy-Hetchy question easily leads will not be traversed by the speakers for ithr side if Mr. Fisher has his way.

Headed By Mayor.

Among those appearing in favor of permitting the city of San Francisco to augment its admittedly deficient water supply by use of the Hetchy-Hetchy water sheds, which are in the Yosemite National Park, are former Mayor James D. Phelan, Mayor James Rolph, jr., S. Duninga, chairman of the board of supervisors of San Francisco county; City Attorney Percy V. Long; John R. Freeman, consulting engineer of Providence, R. I.; Desmond Fitzgerald, of Brookline, Mass., and Myron L. Fuller, of Boston.

The opponents of the granting of a permit include Robert Underwood Johnson, magazine editor; J. Horace McFarland, Pittsburgh, of the American Civic Association; Henry E. Gregory, New York, of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; W. Frederic Bade, Berkeley, Cal., of the Sierra Club and the Society for the Preservation of National Parks; Edmund Whitman, of Boston, representing the same society as Bade; representatives of the Spring Valley Water Company, the monopoly which now serves San Francisco with water, and which opposes the efforts of the city to get its own water supply; representatives of roposed irrigation districts who also, the San Franciscans allege, have their own ax to grind in the matter.

R. R. Marshall, and R. O. Leighton, of the United States Geological Survey, were also auditors today in behalf of the government.

City Attorney Long, of San Francisco, started the hearing by telling what restrictive terms on campers and batners in the part of the Yosemite Park concerned, the city would ask the government to impose, so that the water supply would not risk contamination.

Two Vital Questions.

Secretary Fisher then announced that he considered one or two questions vital.

Is there a favorable source of water supply other than the Hetchy-Hetchy valley available to San Francisco, and if so what are the relative advantages or disadvantages?

Assuming that there is not another supply what guarantee is there that some time hence San Francisco will not come to the government and say it is sorry, but unforseen contingencies have arisen and to save the water from pollution further restrictions on that part of Yosemite Park will have to be imposed, lets citizens die of typhoid.

John Muir, the naturalist, who opposes the permit, was not present at the hearing today, authough he was expected to be here.

PLANS FOR PRESENT SUDDENLY HALTED

Federal Rules Prevent Treasury Clerks From "Chipping In" For Curtis.

"Curtis," said the young clerk in the customs division of the Treasury Department today, "is a good fellow. I see a piece in the paper where it says he is going to be married tomorrow. Now, why not pass the hat and get him and his little bride a couple of silver services or a grand piano."

"Great little idea," said one or two fellow-clerks, and these enthusiasts over he personality of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury were getting ready to start a subscription paper in circulation when an older clerk called their attention to a certain paragraph in the Revised Statutes of the United States which provides summary dismissal for any such enterprise in behalf of an official superior. The great little idea was dropped like a hot cake.

Nevertheless, the current opinion in the customs division of the Treasury, over which Mr. Curtis presides, is that their boss, or rather his bride-to-be, Miss Laura Merriam, will have plenty of presents and enough silver plate to stock a jewelry store.

Wife Says he Beat Her After Prayer

Wilbert B. Appold, an employe at the navy yard, who was charged with cruelty by his wife, Laura I. Appold, who claimed he was a believer in a religion of the "Hindu species," was today ordered by Justice Barnard, in Equity Court, No. 1, to pay alimony in the sum of $8 a month during the pendency of the suit.

Mrs. Appold alleged that her husband performed strange ceremonies each morning, and on one occasion following "the usual morning prayer," assaulted her. Appold has not yet filed his answer in court.

Woman, 65, Takes Man, 55, As Third Mate

Mrs. Anyme Hain, sixty-five years old, twice a widow, and a native of Hanover, Germany, has become the bride of Fritz Haffner, ten years her junior of Bavaria. The Rev. Hanoch Schroeder, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Haffner has three children, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild by her former marriages. Mr. Haffner has a family of two children.

Americans Caring For Injured Mexicans

More than forty injured Mexican federals and rebels are under American care at Columbus, New Mexico, according to a report received by the War Department from General Steever.

Combatants from both sides came across the line for aid after the battle of Palomas last Thursday. It was first reported that fifteen had been killed and an equal number injured.

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