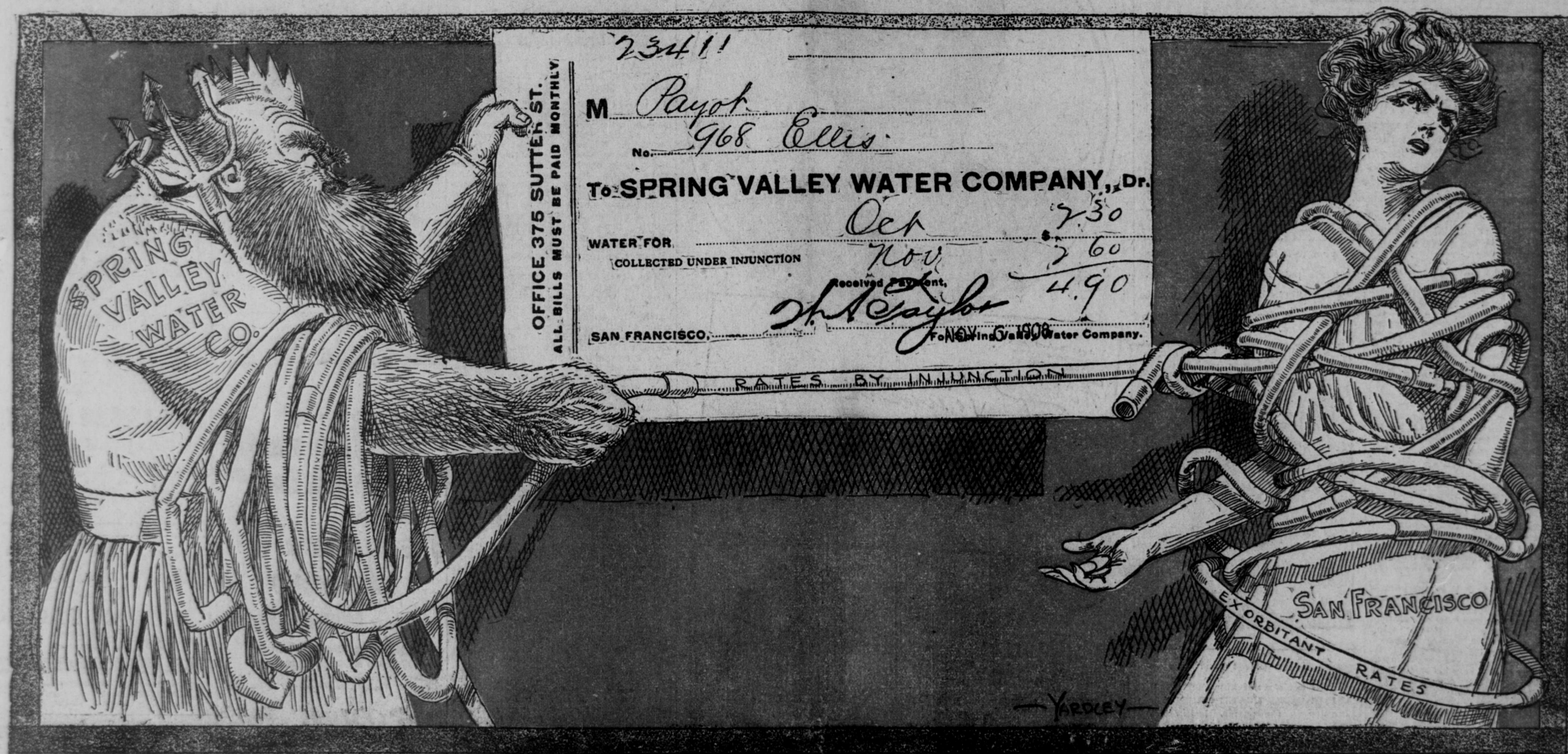


## Look at Your Water Bill—and Vote for Hetch Hetchy



## The Words "Collected Under Injunction" Tell the Story

CITIZENS of San Francisco, it is your duty to yourselves and to San Francisco to vote for the Hetch Hetchy bonds tomorrow. If you have entertained the slightest doubt about that duty, LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL.

Look at your last water bill; the bill for the rate made by Spring Valley in defiance of the constitution. Look at the water bill "collected under injunction." Compute, then, if you can, the amount of your obligation to Spring Valley, the yeggman private corporation that has robbed you for years.

You have been, and are being, bombarded with reams of expensive and fallacious "arguments," designed to show you how you will be injured by refusing to be robbed in perpetuity by Spring Valley. If you want a conclusive answer to all those alleged "arguments" LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL.

You have been told that the acquisition of the Hetch Hetchy watershed and the finest municipally controlled supply of pure water in America will involve bonding San Francisco for \$75,000,000 and the increase of your tax rate by from 75 cents to \$1. YOU KNOW THOSE STATEMENTS ARE UNTRUE. The proposition submitted to you tomorrow involves neither an indebtedness of \$75,000,000 nor an increase of the tax rate. The acquisition and development of the Hetch Hetchy system could not involve a total expenditure of \$75,000,000 until San Francisco had multiplied its present population by three. There is a reason for those false statements. You will find it by LOOKING AT YOUR WATER BILL.

No enemy of Hetch Hetchy has included in his carefully emasculated statements any items covering receipts for water consumed as an offset to the increased rate of taxation which he has figured out on a basis of a bonded indebtedness of \$75,000,000. Why? LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL—the water bill "collected under injunction."

The nation's most eminent experts, who have no private or ulterior purposes to serve, have told you that Hetch Hetchy offers an inexhaustible supply of pure water, entirely adequate to all the future needs of San Francisco and the bay cities besides. Spring Valley tells you anonymously and otherwise that the Hetch Hetchy supply will be inadequate. Why? LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL—the bill "collected under injunction."

You, renters and home owners of San Francisco, compare your old water bills for \$1.75 a month with your present bill for \$4 computed after "readjustment" and "collected under injunction." Compare the smallest bills you ever paid Spring Valley for impure water with the bills paid by the purchasers of good water in any other American city. You will find that you have always paid from 50 per cent to 100 per cent more for water than the people of any other city. Look, then, at your last bill "collected under injunction."

You know that Spring Valley's supply is inadequate. You know that Spring Valley has never sold you pure water. You know that the last official analysis of Spring Valley water shows that its use is, at best, dangerous. You know Spring Valley's defective plant was responsible for the most disastrous fire in the history of the modern world. You know that Spring Valley has filled your hospitals and your cemeteries. You know that Spring Valley has multiplied your insurance rate by two and by three. You know that further multiplication of those rates is inevitable and at hand. You know that Spring Valley has driven insurance companies out of the local field and has prevented the advent of new and important manufacturing and jobbing industries. You know that it has defied your laws and finally abrogated them. You know that Spring Valley has at last thrown off its highwayman's mask and usurped the power to fix rates. You know that the yeggman is your master now—governing you by injunction.

You know that operating under a rate which it maintained by injunction, Spring Valley made \$260,000 last year. By charging against the receipts for 1907 an item of \$335,000 for replacement of its defective plant and charging that item to "operating" expenses Spring Valley attempted to prove that it operated its worn-out ditchwater plant at a loss of \$68,000. These abnormal "operating" expenses of \$335,000, according to the report of President Payson, were the price of a new pumping station at Ocean View, the removal of the Pilarcitos pipe line and an additional conduit from the San Andreas reservoir.

Spring Valley wants no new pumping station or conduits this year. Its public service disguise has been entirely abandoned. Spring Valley is frankly a stock jobbing concern now. It purposes to collect dividends at the rate of 17 per cent on its own ridiculous valuation. And it is collecting those dividends by injunction. LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL.

Spring Valley collected approximately \$2,000,000 from you last year. It gave you impure water. It denied you fire protection. It denied you the privilege of adequate fire insurance. By "readjustment and injunction" Spring Valley purposes to collect \$2,500,000 or more from you this year. For that \$2,500,000 you are to receive an inadequate supply of impure water. You are to be deprived of fire protection and fire insurance.

Hetch Hetchy is more than a promise. The acquisition of Hetch Hetchy insures an adequate supply of pure water. It insures water rates as low as the lowest in America. Hetch Hetchy means cheap insurance, adequate insurance. Hetch Hetchy insures against government by injunction.

LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL, "collected under injunction," and vote for San Francisco; vote to free yourselves from the clutches of the most impudent corporate thief in all America. Vote for your homes and your children. Vote for Hetch Hetchy.