

THE MOUNT VERNON ARGUS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1923.

FLOOD CONTROL DATA PRESENTED

Congressman Hadley Gives Skagit River Figures to Committee.

Congressman Lin H. Hadley has written to J. W. Collins, secretary of the Mount Vernon Commercial Club, concerning data which Mr. Collins sent to Congressman Hadley on the Skagit river flood situation. Mr. Hadley's letter follows:

"I have received your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing separate communication furnishing requested data in the matter of the Skagit river flood control.

"In reply, will state that following my letter of the 13th instant to your organization, I appeared personally before the Flood Control committee on December 14 in support of my bill, H. R. 12609. I made a brief preliminary statement based on your telegram of the 9th and my general knowledge of the situation, and also secured permission from the committee to incorporate in the hearing the data which I anticipated receiving, as suggested in your telegram of the 9th. I was getting a little anxious about the matter for fear the record of the hearing would be printed before the arrival of your letter; however, I took the data you enclosed to the office of the Flood Control committee this morning and presented it to the chairman. I understood him to say that the record has not yet been printed and I left the matter with him to be incorporated in the printed proceedings for the use of the committee. When I appeared before the committee, one member of long experience in Congress suggested that I get in touch with General Taylor of the War Department on the probable cost of the survey, as sought by the bill, so that if the committee should consult him, as he stated it would probably do on this point, he would be in a position to be of assistance to the committee regarding it. I accordingly had an interview with General Taylor the same day in which he stated that he had some data on the subject and would be glad to look into it and advise the committee so far as he could when called upon.

"I note your reference to the necessary delay in forwarding the information and I fully appreciate the difficulty in collecting the miscellaneous material covering so long a period which confronted those in charge of this work. I sincerely hope that the committee may give favorable consideration to the bill and favorable report to it."

RIVER HEARING SEATTLE JAN.

War Department Asks for Information on Puget Sound Waterways.

More information regarding the Skagit river is wanted by the War Department, according to a notice received at the local postoffice this week, from Col. Edward H. Schultz of the U. S. Engineer's office in Seattle. The notice states that a public hearing will be held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce, Arctic Building, Seattle on Monday, January 22, at two p. m., for the purpose of obtaining the views of interested parties in regard to the preliminary examination directed by the River and Harbor Act of September 22, 1922, of Puget Sound and tributary waters, Washington, particularly in respect to the condition of the channels and mouths of such rivers with a view to the clearing of such channels and mouths of sand bars and other constructions by the use of a suction dredge or otherwise.

"Information is especially desired as to the improvements proposed by local interests; the amount of present and prospective commerce; and the draft and tonnage of vessels using these rivers.

"All interested parties are invited to be present.

"While for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, oral evidence will be heard."