MAY EARN SOBRIQUET OF "THE HANGING JUDGE"

James A. Finch Third Murderer Sentenced to Death by Judge Bronaugh in Less Than One Year's Service on the Bench.

Judge Earl C. Bronaugh seems in a fair way to earn the title of "the hanging judge" of Multnomah county. When he sentenced James A. Finch to "hang by his neck until dead" in the circuit court yesterday, he established a new record, for in less than one year's service on the bench it has three times become his duty to pronounce the sentence of death.

Finch, who is sentenced to die on February 5, which is also Friday, may glean a little comfort from the fact that the other two men who were ordered to the gallows by Judge Bronaugh have not yet been hanged, although Joe Anderson was convicted on February 15 and Lem Woon on June 20. The cases of both these men are before the supreme court on appeal, and yesterday, just before Finch was sentenced, Judge Bronaugh settled the bill of exceptions in Anderson's case.

Gantenbein Scores One.

Many homicide cases have been tried during the year, but only one man tried by any of the other judges has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. The fourth man to get the death penalty was Harry Daly, who was tried before Judge Gantenbein and sentenced by him while the trial of Finch was in progress. The date fixed for Daly's execution is January 29.

Since Finch was declared guilty by the jury a death watch has been kept over him. The possibility that he might try to injure himself or that some one might attempt to pass some deadly weapon to him, caused Sheriff Stevens to adopt this precaution, and every move the condemned man makes in his cell in waking hours is under the eye of R. L. Phillips, a cousin of Jailer Bob Phillips.

Finch Keeps Nerve.

Finch made a vain effort to appear unconcerned when he stood before Judge Bronaugh to hear the dread words of death. He stood erect but betrayed great nervousness, and his hand involuntarily swept over his forehead as he sat down.

Judge E. C. Bronaugh.

Judge Bronaugh swept aside a large number of objections to the passing of sentence that had been prepared by the defense. Finch himself read these objections in a strong, but jerky voice. The document he read recited upwards of 20 reasons why he should not be sentenced. The grand jury that indicted him was declared to be an illegal body, on the ground that the people had no right to establish the grand jury system by the initiative and referendum, and it was charged that some unnamed juror told some other unnamed person that he and the other jurors made up their minds that Finch was guilty as soon as Miss Burkhart gave her testimony.

After all these objections had been overruled, exceptions taken, and sentence pronounced, Judge Bronaugh denied a motion in arrest of judgment and allowed the defendant five days in which to file a motion for new trial.

COMMERCIAL ASKS FOR FUNDS

Publicity Department Will Push the Advertising of the State.

So as to allow those citizens of Portland and Oregon who are interested in the work of the Portland Commercial club's publicity department an opportunity to subscribe to the work being carried on by that institution Theodore B. Wilcox, chairman of the executive committee has addressed an open letter to the property holders of Portland asking their assistance.

The communication follows:

Portland, Or., Jan. 2.—To the business men and property holders of Portland—In May, 1904, the Portland Commercial club introduced a publicity department, and the supervision of this work was assumed by an executive committee of nine members, of which I was made chairman. My associates on that committee are: William M. Ladd, T. D. Honeyman, Walter F. Burrell, A. L. Mills, J. C. Ainsworth, Robert Livingstone, J. Frank Watson and I. N. Fleischner.

"The members of the committee at a recent meeting decided to continue their work during 1909, and several of them announced that they would double the amount of their subscriptions. For instance, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company voluntarily increased their subscription from $100 to $200 per month last year; for 1909, the First National bank, which had been subscribing $100 a month, made theirs $200 monthly; the United States National bank, which had paid $50 a month, increased to $100 monthly.

"We want volunteer subscriptions to this fund in advance of making a personal campaign, and would especially appreciate all that are received immediately. They should be made payable monthly, and commence with January, 1909.

"Beginning in May, 1904, the committee found the state unorganized and inactive. Neither the commercial bodies in Portland nor in any of the other towns and cities of Oregon were doing effective advertising. For the first two years all of the expenses were borne by 26 subscribers, all residents of Portland.

"People of this city are familiar with the improved conditions, for in connection with the Oregon Development league, through the help of the other commercial organizations here and those throughout the state, the newspapers and the railroads, Oregon has become much better known. While only a part of the credit is due the work carried on with the committee's fund, it must be borne in mind that the largest part of organized effort throughout the state is the direct result of this committee's work.

"Today there are 86 regularly organized commercial bodies doing active work, and 15 men outside of Portland regularly employed in as many different towns of Oregon to devote their exclusive time to the advertisement of their communities. It is universally conceded that there is a better character of literature, and more of it, going out from this state than from any other in the union.

"The year 1909 will witness a large travel in this direction. The rates which will come as a result of the Portland Rose Festival and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will give everybody an opportunity to visit Portland and other points in Oregon, but only by constant advertising of our city and state can travelers be induced to buy their tickets to include Portland and Oregon in their route.

"The committee feels that their work is valuable and appreciated, and this public appeal is made for the reason that many persons have said that they haven't been asked to participate in this movement by contributing to the fund. Urging immediate responses, I am, truly yours, THEODORE B. WILCOX,

"Chairman Executive Committee."

WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB PAYS MRS. DYE A VISIT AT OREGON CITY

The Women's Press club of Oregon was pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon as the guest of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye. Mrs. Dye has made a careful study of the history of Oregon, especially as centered about Oregon City, and has written books relating to it. She is therefore well equipped to be a guide to visitors in Oregon City.

When her coworkers arrived she took them first to view the Willamette falls. The new paper mill which makes use of this natural power was the next point visited and the company was taken through the various departments and shown the processes through which the logs must pass to become paper. The old home of Dr. McLoughlin was next visited and Mrs. Dye told of the history of the place and its preservation as a landmark. The old Methodist church the first Protestant church in the northwest, the old Congregational church, the first of its denomination here, the grave of Dr. McLoughlin and the old legislative hall were visited in turn.

The company then went to the two newspaper offices to exchange fraternal greetings. Then the guests went to the home of Mrs. Dye for tea. A number of the women addressed the company.

Dr. Owens Adair gave some thrilling pioneer experiences as the first woman physician in the far west. Mrs. Charmers of Oregon City told of her advent into Oregon through shipwreck and remarkable experiences. Mrs. Lucia Faxon Additon president of the club, gave a brief talk on the club, paying tribute to their varied talent; short speeches were made by Miss Frances E. Gotshall, treasurer of the club, the only woman on the coast, so far as is known, who carries on a complete publishing house, and whose work has received high praise from eastern houses of note, and by Mrs. Clark Colby, corresponding secretary, who has for 25 years edited and published one of the strongest woman's suffrage papers in the United States.

Mrs. Bessie Guinean Stone, the recording secretary, who is editor and manager of the Rose City Magazine, and Mrs. Emma Marshall, the vice-president, who is a brilliant writer, were unavoidably absent. Among those present were: Mrs. L. B. D. Bartlett, president of the woman's mining company, and representing the Mining Journal, Miss Richardson of the Nurse's Pacific Coast Journal, Miss Ann Shannon Monroe of the Monroe Advertising bureau, Miss Atherson, writer and elocutionist, Miss Baldwin, who writes on women's questions, Mrs. Chapman, another clever pen woman, Mrs. Jane MacMillan Ordway, author and poet, Mrs. Emery, cousin of the hostess and wife of the inspector of revenue cutters and life saving stations of the Pacific coast, Mrs. U'Ren of Oregon City, president of the Woman's club, Mrs. Hawley, wife of M. H. Hawley of the paper company and several other Oregon City women. Mrs. Dye made the closing speech and was at her best.

Dr. Owens Adair extended an invitation to the club to visit her at Sunnymead farm in "clam time."

RETAILERS TO GATHER HERE

Grocers and Merchants of State Open Annual Convention Wednesday.

With the main object of endeavoring to establish a state interchangeable credit rating system, and to discuss all matters relating to the retail business, the Oregon Retail Grocers' & Merchants' association will hold its third annual convention next Wednesday and Thursday, January 6 and 7, in the convention hall of the Commercial Club building. On account of the importance of the matters to be considered, and also because of the fact that arrangements are to be made for the holding of the national convention here next summer, an unusually large attendance is expected.

There are to be three principal speakers at the convention. W. P. Olds, president of Olds, Wortman & King, will address the association on "Business Waste." "Credits and Collections" will be the subject upon which J. H. Quinn, secretary of the Umatilla County Merchants' association, will talk. Frank B. Connolly, of San Francisco, secretary of the California Retail Grocers' association and a director of the National Association of Retail Grocers, will speak on the "Necessity of Manufacturers Maintaining a Retail Price."

There will be a number of other addresses that will undoubtedly prove of much interest to those in attendance at the convention. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Harry Lane, and President S. L. Kline will respond.

A new feature of the convention, and one that promises to be especially entertaining, is to be a vaudeville smoker, to be held on the top floor of the Marquam building. Heretofore the members of the association have been taken to the theatre on one night of the convention. But those in charge of arrangements feel that this does not afford a good opportunity for the visitors to get acquainted, so the vaudeville smoker has been arranged. It is planned to get the best acts from the various vaudeville theatres of the city, and between whiles the members of the association will have an opportunity to "get together."

At 12:30 Thursday the association will be entertained at luncheon by the Pacific Coast Biscuit company and given an opportunity to see what Oregon products are like. Those who were here last year still retain vivid memories of the luncheon given them by this company, and a repetition of the feature will be looked forward to with anticipation.

Thursday evening the Oregon Manufacturers' association will tender the delegates a banquet at the Commercial club.

The railroads have granted a one and a third rate for the convention.

The Health Dept.

In your bodily system is looked after by millions of little soldiers in your blood — those corpuscles constantly fighting for you.

If this army is well fed and kept healthy and strong, by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, it will destroy the uncountable horde of germ-enemies that are attacking you every moment of your life.

Hood's Sarsaparilla will keep you free from or will cure you of scrofula, eczema, rheumatism, catarrh, anemia, that tired feeling and all such ailments.

It effects its wonderful cures, not simply because it contains sarsaparilla but because it combines the utmost remedial values of more than 20 different ingredients. If urged to buy any preparation said to be "just as good" you may be sure it is inferior, costs less to make, and yields the dealer a larger profit.

TAKES VACATION; CREDITORS ACT

H. A. Vincent, who opened a jewelry store at 142 Fifth street about six weeks weeks ago, closed the place up several days ago and went off to take a rest. Some 20 or so of his creditors were greatly concerned until a day or so ago when several of them received letters from Vincent. He said he was "resting up" and that he would return in a few days to help them close up the business.

H. S. Tuthill was appointed trustee by the creditors at a meeting Friday night and with assistants took an inventory of the stock yesterday. No estimate as to its value could be given, however, as the safe can not be opened until Monday and it is not known what it contains.

Vincent for a number of years owned a jewelry store in Ilwaco, Wash., and, according to H. S. Butterfield of Butterfield Bros., wholesale jewelers, has a reputation for honesty and integrity. "Mr. Vincent has merely closed up his business," said Mr. Butterfield. "He has turned over all his stock and a great deal of personal property to creditors and we hope everything turns out satisfactorily. We hope to induce Mr. Vincent to again take charge of the store and make another attempt to make the business a success.

"There is no charge of fraud or anything of the like against him—certainly not. He simply got discouraged and gave it up."

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BUTTE MAN MAY DIE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Anaconda, Mont., Jan. 2.—William Rockefellow, a well known young man here, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Night Chief of Police Harvey Green early this morning. Rockefellow had been arrested for trivial fighting, together with several other young men, and was being taken to the station, when he broke and ran, evidently to avoid the notoriety of being arrested.

Chief Green fired several shots in the air to frighten the man into stopping. The officer then slipped and fell, his gun being accidentally discharged, the shot passing through Rockefellow's groin. Rockefellow went to bed and said nothing about his wound, his condition being learned only when his folks attempted to arouse him this morning.

THOUSANDS GO TO LIVING TOMB

Terrible Sacrifice of Lives Is Shown in Report of Russian Agents.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Clarence Darrow, attorney for Christian Rudowitz, the Russian revolutionist ordered to Washington preparatory to surrendering him to the Russian government, made public the contents of the report of the czar's agents concerning revolutionary movements throughout Russia during 1908. The report epitomized is as follows:

The military court of Yekatonoslav pronounced sentence of death upon 2102 persons, who were shot and hanged. The number sent to Siberia and Sakhalien penal colonies for life was 17,347. Shorter sentences were given 26,000. Twelve strikers were condemned to be shot for having participated in the railroad strike in 1905. Forty-eight others were sent to the mines for long terms.

The increasing severity of the government in dealing with revolutionists is shown by the monthly list of executions. In February there were 37 persons shot by sentence. The number gradually increased until it was 183 in September, 201 in October, 296 in November and 327 in December.

The fourth douma is showing signs of insurrection, and drastic measures against some of its members may become necessary. Resistance to the imperial will is no longer confined to the Socialists but has spread to the Octoberists, who are rapidly becoming disaffected. Other radicals throughout the empire are agitating rebellion, and methods of suppression may again be necessary to quiet the disorderly elements.

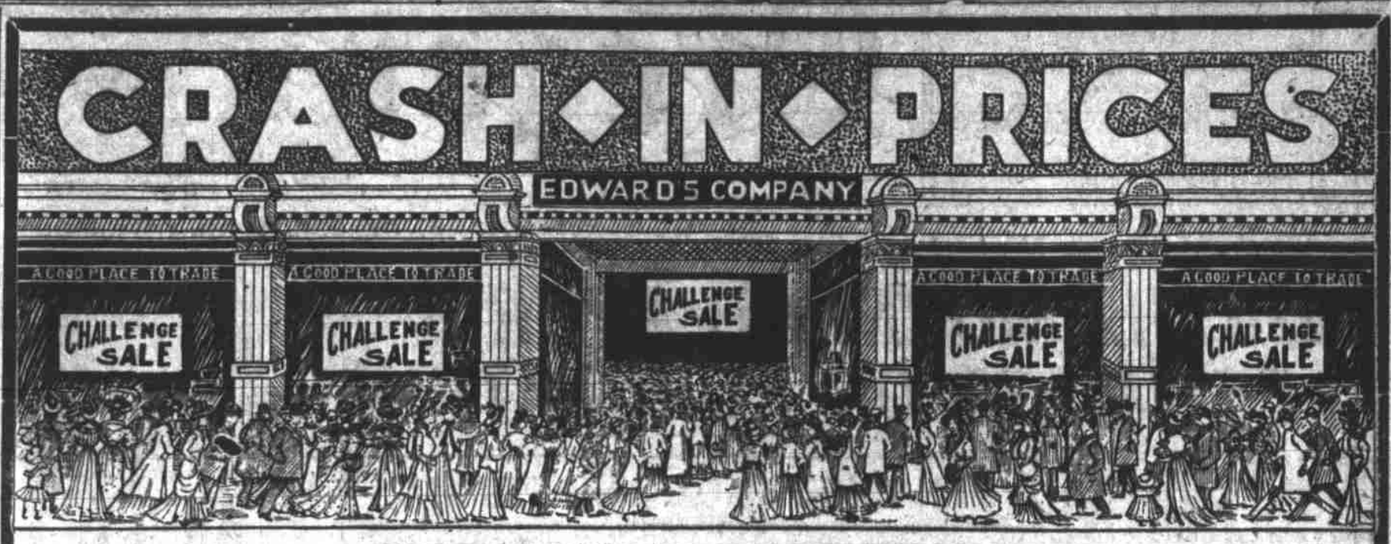
Attorney Darrow is informed from other sources that the Social Democratic party, to which Rudowitz belongs, is active in the Lettish provinces and that the extradition, return and execution of all Lettish fugitives is eagerly sought by the czar. The zeal of the government is increased by the activity of the Social Democrats in the douma. They demand an investigation into the methods of the imperial police in its treatment and summary execution by court martial of political offenders and students who are mere philosophical revolutionists. Tolstoy belongs to the latter class.

Local Firm Commended

"A pioneer store remodeled and modernized," is the caption of an item in the Chicago Apparel Gazette regarding the cabinet system of Rosenblatt & Co. The article is illustrated with three views, one of the exterior and two of the interior. The article in closing says:

"In leading off with such extensive and costly changes, the members of the firm have merited and received the congratulations of their fellow merchants as well as their customers. They have kept abreast of the times, which are calling louder all the while for the store practical that will afford the people the greatest amount of shopping comfort and convenience and increase the facilities and capacity of the store to serve the people better and with the utmost satisfaction. Since the installation of the new cabinet system in their clothing store Rosenblatt & Co. have put in a new store front. In fact, the establishment seems to have entered into a class by itself."

Mrs. Sarah E. Armstrong, of Youngstown, Ohio, after teaching 41 years in public schools, has just retired on a pension.



STORY OF EXTRAORDINARY PRICE CUTTING

With our second Annual Challenge Sale comes the greatest bona fide crash in prices ever heard of in Portland. The year's end finds us like every other big store, with hundreds of odds and ends left over. A clearance sale is customary at this time to dispose of these odd pieces, but this year we know that no clearance sale, or ordinary reduction will move the amount of goods which we must sell.

ALL OUR STOCK goes into this sale, excepting a few articles on which the factory controls the price. We cannot afford to buy pages of advertising to tell about all the bargains—space is costly and there is no profit for us in this sale.

COME AT ONCE—You cannot afford to overlook this opportunity.

CASH IS WANTED

But special short time credit may be arranged for by parties whose references are satisfactory.

LONG TIME PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

Will be accepted as usual, but only at regular prices. However, our regular time prices are lower than you can find elsewhere.

Spring Mattresses

$2.25 Wire Springs	$1.35
$3.00 Yum Yum Springs	$1.95
$3.00 supported Springs	$1.95
$4.75 Special Springs	$3.95
$6.00 steel frame Springs	$3.95
$8.00 steel frame Springs	$5.00
$10.00 steel frame Springs	$6.00
$2.50 excelsior Mattresses	$1.50
$3.00 wool top Mattresses	$2.15
$3.50 cotton top Mattresses	$2.50
$4.50 wool combination Mattresses for	$3.35
$6.00 cotton combination Mattresses for	$4.00
$8.00 cotton Mattresses	$5.50
$10.00 cotton Mattresses	$6.90
$12.00 hair Mattresses	$9.35
$15.00 floss Mattresses	$10.00

Our mattresses are made in our own shop.

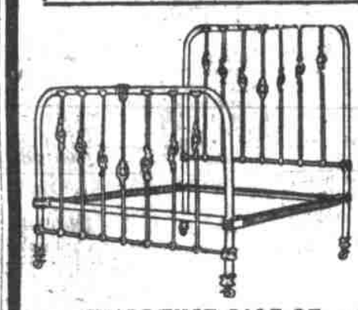
Extra Discounts on Entire Line

Price List on Close-Out Patterns.

50c cotton Ingrain, yard	29¢
75c half-wool Ingrain, yard	49¢
$1.00 all-wool Ingrain, yard	67¢
$1.00 Brussels, yard	67¢
$1.50 Brussels, yard	$1.19
$1.60 Velvet, yard	$1.25
$1.60 Axminster, yard	$1.25
$1.90 Body Brussels, yard	$1.40

Prices Extraordinary

75c wood Chairs	50¢
$2.00 Kitchen Tables	$1.35
$4.00 Household Treasures	$2.50
$5.00 Kitchen Safes	$3.35
$6.50 Couches	$4.75
$7.00 Sanitary Couches	$4.90
$8.00 Kitchen Safes	$5.25
$10.00 Kitchen Safes	$6.50
$12.50 hardwood Wardrobes	$9.75
$16.50 Cook Stoves	$12.25
$20.00 Extension Tables	$13.00
$25.00 Buffets, oak	$18.50
$30.00 Dining Tables	$21.50
$35.00 China Closets	$24.00
$40.00 Dressers	$28.50
$50.00 Parlor Cabinets	$32.00



CHALLENGE SALE OF

Iron Beds

No. 132—Heavy Iron Bed, 1 1-16-inch posts, assorted colors; regular $5.50 value $3.85

No. 642—Heavy Iron Beds, 1 1-16-inch posts, Vernis Martin finish; $8.50 value $6.65

No. 337—Fine Iron Beds, 1¼-inch post, beautiful decorations; $11 value $8.00

No. 1010—Solid Brass Bed, 1½-inch posts, polished; reduced from $35 to $23.00

No. 430—Brass Bed, like illustration; polished 1½-inch posts; reduced from $39 to $25.00

No. 536—Satin finish Brass Bed, 2-inch posts, mission design; reduced from $57.50 to $39.75

Closing Out Office Desks

We intend to sell out all our office desks at just about cost to make room for other lines. No better opportunity was ever offered in this city to get a fine desk at a low price.

No. 0343—Solid oak, polished, flattop desk, 30x48, two rows of drawers; regular $27—now $18.75

No. 0315 — Flattop desk, quarter-sawed oak, size 32x55; regular price $36.50, for $24.00

No. 343—Polished oak, rolltop desk, 27x55, two rows of drawers and one large center drawer; reduced from $35.00 to $29.75

No. 501—Quartered polished patented rolltop, a high grade desk, fitted with pigeon holes, panelled sides and back; $55 value .. $39.90

No. 714—Extra fine oak rolltop quarter-sawed writing desk, double pedestal; $65 value only $49.00

CHALLENGE SALE OF

Center Tables

$1.25 Tables, 16x16	95¢
$1.50 Tables, 18x18	$1.10
$2.00 Tables, 21x21	$1.50
$3.50 Tables, 24x24	$2.40
$5.00 Tables, 24x24	$3.50
$7.50 Tables, 26x26	$4.75
$10.00 Tables, 26x26	$6.50

Lamp Stands and Tabourettes, half price.

CHALLENGE SALE OF

Leather Chairs and Rockers

No. 247—$26.00 Chair, leather seat, back and arms, oak frame $17.50

No. 469—$36.00 Rocker, leather seat and back, mahogany finish frame $21.00

No. 508—$27.50 Rocker, leather seat and back, oak frame, now only $19.00

No. 5059—Overstuffed leather Rocker, like illustration; value $47.50, now only $33.00

We do Upholstering and Repairing. Leather work a specialty.

185-191 FIRST ST EDWARDS CO HOUSE FURNISHERS

A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

BOND ISSUE FOR THE MILWAUKEE

Capital Stock Increased to $100,000,000—Rumor of a Steamer Deal.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 2.—Details were made public in this city today of the plan to capitalize the Pacific coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, which was adopted by a meeting of the stockholders at Seattle last Thursday. The stockholders of the company voted to increase the capital stock from the present $8,000,000 to $100,000,000 and to change the name of the extended railway to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway company. The object in raising the capital stock to $100,000,000 was to be able to issue $200,000,000 worth of bonds, as the laws of the state of Washington do not permit a corporation to issue bonds for more than double the amount of its capital stock.

The entire stock of the new corporation will be held in the treasury of the old Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—A report from Tacoma to the effect that the Pacific Coast Steamship company has been sold to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul cannot be confirmed here. George H. Higbee, resident head of the Pacific Coast company, said today that he knew nothing of such a deal.

Among local traffic men it is thought the story has good foundation. It is pointed out that it was through an arrangement with the Pacific Coast company, as the holding company which controls the steamship corporation, that the St. Paul road secured entrance to Seattle. It is regarded as more than possible that the Rockefeller interests have ousted the Hill interests in the Pacific Coast company. This would be the reply of Harriman to the coup of Hill in securing the Colorado and Southern railway.

Honored His Memory.

Alex McNeill, a native of Prince Edward island, died lately at Ararat, Australia, aged 80 years. Mr. McNeill was town clerk of Ararat for 25 years. The flags at the city hall and at the Shire hall were put at half mast in respect to his memory.

Mr. McNeill was a younger brother of Finlay McNeill of Portland.

The Dutch crown, which is valued at $600,000, was stolen by burglars in 1829. It remained in their possession for nearly two years. Eventually some of the gems were discovered buried near Brussels, after the arrest of the thieves in England.

WHAT CONGRESS WILL BE DOING

Secret Service and Italian Relief Measures—The Week's Calendar.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congressional forecast:

Two measures by President Roosevelt will be far the most interesting subjects to be dealt with by congress next week. Both will be received Monday. The communication which is being waited with the greatest interest is the reply to the house resolution asking the president to state on what grounds he bases his strong criticism of the lower house contained in his annual message. This appertains to the secret service issue. President Roosevelt said that the action of congress last year limiting the operations of the secret service could be of benefit only to the criminal class and there was a suggestion that perhaps some members voted for the restrictive law because of a suspicion that possibly they would be investigated. In accordance with the house invitation, the president will on Monday tell the house why he made these remarks.

The other executive communication will have to do with the government measures for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy. Monday is the regular day in the house for the passage of private bills under suspension of the rules. This program for the day may be interfered with, the Louisiana delegation insisting upon an early adjournment in honor of Robert C. Davey, a representative from that state, whose death occurred during the Christmas vacation.

The appropriations bill providing for the expenses of the District of Columbia government will be reported to the house the latter part of the week and a day will be devoted to its consideration. Friday will be for the passage of private pension bills.

Not much business is expected to be done in the senate next week. Monday, shortly after the reception of the president's message, asking for relief for the victims of the Italian earthquake, there will be an executive session for the confirmation of nominations.

The postal savings bank bill remains unfinished but any senator can call it up at any time.

According to an agreement reached just prior to the Christmas recess the omnibus claims bill, containing hundreds of claims against the government, will be taken up Monday and will probably be passed.

On Saturday the session will be devoted to the hearing of eulogies of the late Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont.

Of the 11,000,000 families in France, nearly 2,000,000 are childless.