

THE ROOSEVELTS' CHRISTMAS

Big Turkeys Distributed to White House Employees - Many Presents to the Family - To-day's Programme.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Eighty seven big turkeys were distributed to the White House policemen, messengers, servants, gardeners, and stablemen to-day with the compliments of the President. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments.

Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House to-day, presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country.

The programme at the White House to-morrow will follow the custom of the family in former years. There will be no Christmas tree, as a tree never has been part of the celebration of Christmas in the Roosevelt family.

COAL SHORTAGE SITUATION.

A Movement Which May Result in a General Increase of Wages of Railroad Trainsmen.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—At a special meeting of the General Managers' Association held here to-day, a movement was started which may result in a general increase in the wages of trainmen, engineers, firemen and switchmen on all big railroad systems east of Chicago.

The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania Company, the cause being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities, shortage of cars and power on the Pennsylvania system.

CHILI AND ARGENTINE.

Believed That There Will be a Peaceful Settlement of the Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Encouraging news has reached the State Department from Buenos Ayres and the officials have renewed confidence that there will be a peaceful settlement of the serious dispute between Chili and Argentina.

LONG FIGHT ENDED.

The Machinists' Strike in Chicago is About to be Settled.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the machinists' strike in Chicago, which has involved 400 Union workers, is about settled.

FIRE AT M'CONNELLSVILLE.

Almost an Entire Square Wiped Out. Loss About \$75,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Almost an entire square was wiped out by fire here to-day. The loss is conservatively estimated at \$75,000.

A Fireman's Close Call.

Every stick to my engine, although every joint is aching, every nerve is racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa.

CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Philippine General and Other Insurgent Chiefs Surrender to Americans.

ENGAGEMENT IN BATANGAS.

A Number of the Filipinos Killed—Military Prisoners Re-established at Subig Bay—Col. Dougherty Sweeping Laguna Province.

By Cable to the Morning Star. MANILA, Dec. 24.—The Filipino General Samson and all the other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered with 28 cannon and forty-five guns.

The column under Col. Dougherty is making a clean sweep of Laguna province, burning the insurgent huts and barracks that are found and a number of small native hamlets.

A Court Martial. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The War Department has received from the Philippines the record of a court martial by which three natives were tried for implication in the murder of five American soldiers prisoners.

For instance Commandante Dhalan, in ordering the ambuscade, gave the following directions to Lieutenant Gonzalez: "Separate Jose Buencamino (the English) from the Americans."

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The British steamer Ban Right, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition intended for the adherents of Senator Matos, has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left November 29th.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially at the closing of the Produce Exchange.)

STAR OFFICE, December 19. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$60 per gallon for machine made casks and \$50 per gallon for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel for strained and \$1.05 per barrel for good strained.

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