

Around the Globe.

Uncle Sam's Pocketbook—In the annual report of the treas of the U S, Ellis H. Roberts says the net ordinary revenues of the government for the fiscal year were \$567,240,552, the largest in the history of the country. There was an increase of \$51,250,232 over the preceding year and a net decrease in expenditures of \$117,358,355, in comparison with '99, leaving a surplus of \$79,527,060. The aggregate amount of money of all kinds in circulation on Oct 1 is estimated at \$2,113,291,983, an increase of \$180,510,744 in 15 months, of which \$94,440,930 was due to the enlarged use of gold and gold certificates. The increase per capita was from \$25.38 to \$27.01. On Oct 1, 39.24 per cent of the total circulation was in gold and gold certificates, 26.45 per cent in silver dollars, silver certificates and treasury notes, 15.36 per cent in U S notes and 15.11 per cent in national bank notes.

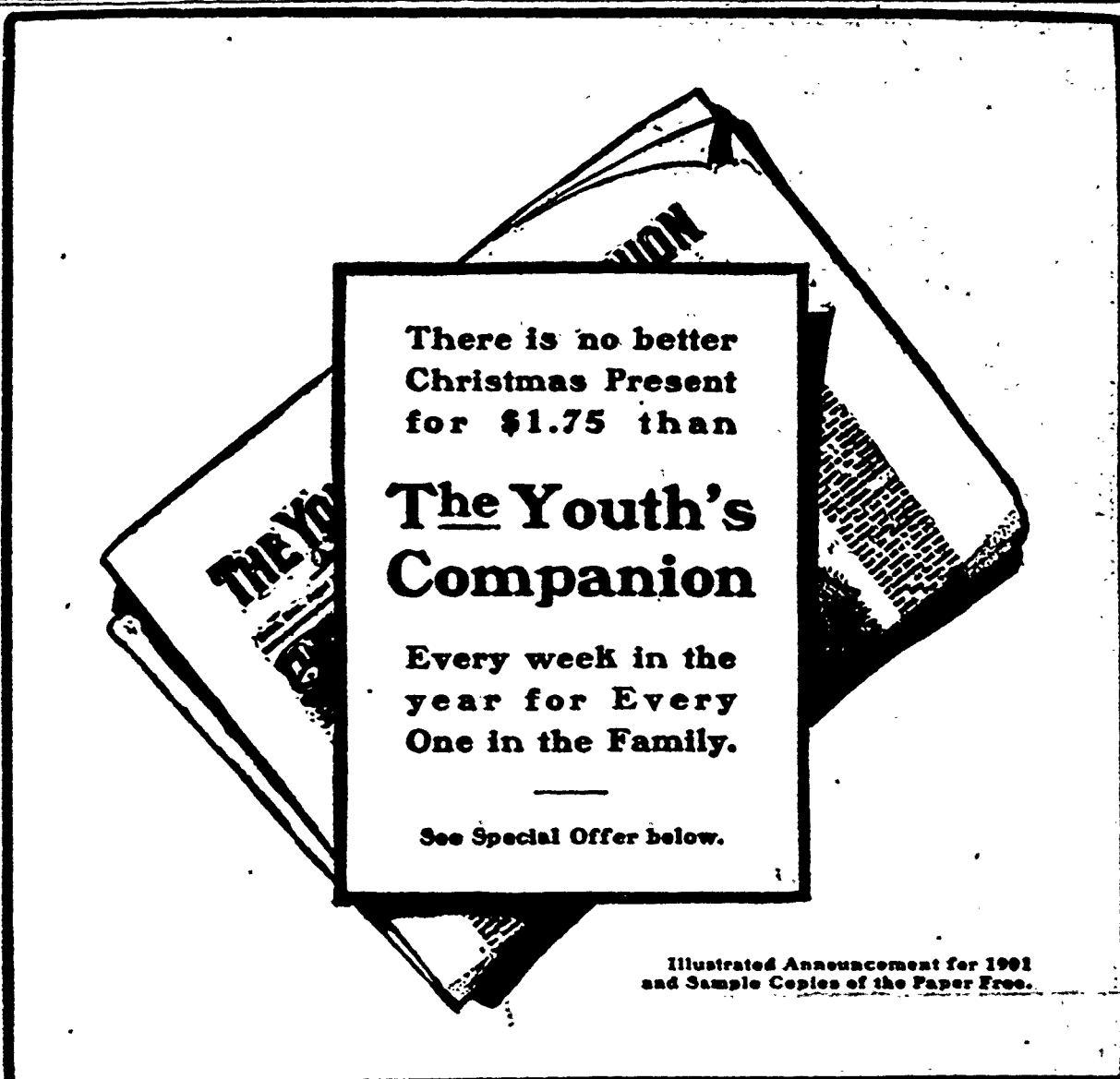
Needs of the Navy—The startling statement is made in the report of Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau, that the present personnel of the navy would form barely one-fourth of the total establishment necessary to fight a first-class European power. The naval academy is suffering for want of instructors and the present high standard of training cannot be maintained. Every bureau in the dept is short of officers. There are now 131 vacancies in the list of naval officers, when vacancies can be least afforded. Therefore, it is recommended for the next 10 years that appointments to the naval academy be doubled. It is declared that it is now impossible to man the vessels of our navy already constructed with the present force, not to mention those building or authorized. The report calls attention to the discouraging condition in which distinguished officers of the navy have been left by not receiving any formal recognition for their heroic services during the war with Spain, except those who shared in the victory at Manila and three who served elsewhere in the war.

Chili has voted half a million dollars to make an exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo next year.

In the Philippines—Maj-Gen MacArthur, commander of the army and military governor of the islands, has submitted his report to the war dept. Between Nov 1, '99, and Sept 1, '00, the casualties in minor engagements were 268 Americans killed, 750 wounded and 55 captured, 3227 Filipinos killed, 694 wounded and 2861 captured. For the six months ending July 31 there died 24 officers and 971 men, of whom seven officers and 24 men were killed in action or died from wounds, the rest from various diseases. Gen MacArthur says the natives are united in their sympathy for the insurgent leaders, and that to pacify the island and make them accept American supremacy will require a large force of arms, both for the present and "for many years to come." Instructions have been sent to Gen MacArthur to start a vigorous campaign at once, pressing the remnants of the Filipino army to the last extremity, following even small bands when necessary.

For Free Rural Delivery—The appropriation for rural free delivery service, which the postmaster-general will ask from congress for the next fiscal year, probably will be upward of \$2,500,000, as it is proposed to extend the service to all parts of the country. The estimates, which will be submitted to congress for the regular free delivery service, it is understood, will be \$17,140,000, an increase of 85 per cent over the appropriation for last year.

The Boers are still making it lively for the British troops, and nearly every day skirmishes are reported. They are following guerrilla methods, at which they are greatly superior to the British soldiers. Lord Roberts has been recalled to England and Lord Kitchener placed in command. The method will be one of merciless extermination and the question of depopulating the country and adopting Gen Weyler's Cuban reconcentration plan is being considered. Fifteen thousand Boers are planning to leave the Transvaal, cross the Kalahari desert and take up their residence in German Southwest Africa.



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