

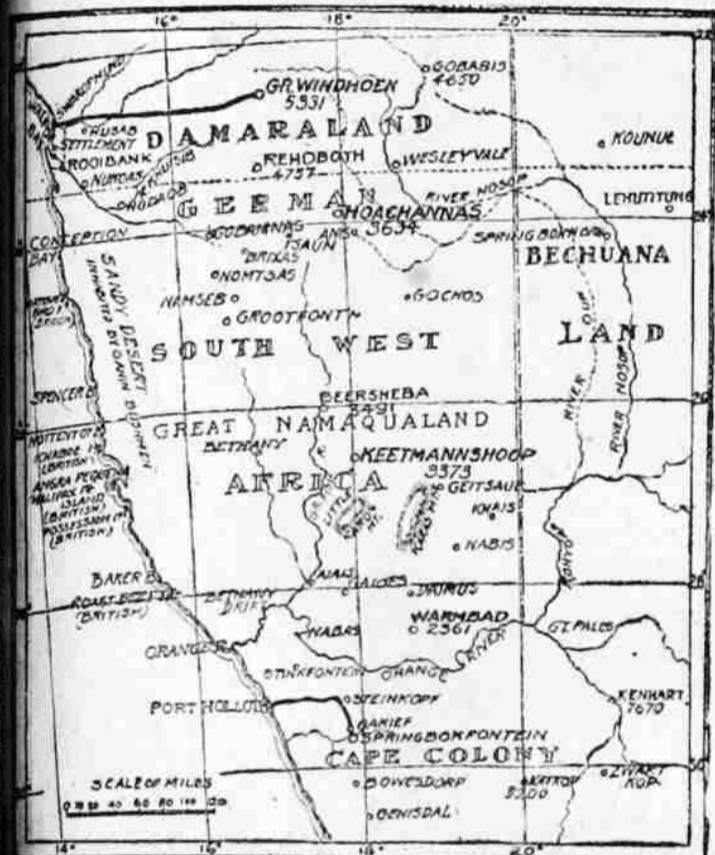
## MAILED HAND OF CZAR SHOWING AND BELIEF IS THAT RUSSIA WILL STRIKE FIRST BLOW

PEACE ADVOCATES ARE LOSING HOPE.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST IS ALARMING.

### SETTLERS MASSACRED BY SAVAGES.

Half a Hundred Men, Women and Children Slain by South African Tribesmen—Bodies Mutilated and Homes Burned.



Feb. 3.—Col. Leutwein, Lieutenant-Governor of German Southwest Africa, reports that the Russian reply is being held back while M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, communicates its substance to his Government is untrue. The Associated Press is semi-officially assured that the Russian response will not be sent before February 5th at the earliest.

### RYAN'S PLEASANTRIES THAT CARRY A STING

Washington Indorses the McKinley Indictment of Grover Cleveland and Likens Henry Watterson to One of the Characters in "Quo Vadis".

Gov. Bryan, in his address, compared the character of "Quo Vadis" to that of a man who had been fully met and that he would not be removed from office. He states that everything had narrowed down to the charge that he had paid James D. Adams, late cashier,

### ALLEGED GET-RICH-QUICK CONCERN UNDER A CLOUD

Orlando, Fla., Feb. 3.—Guy Wakefield and Nicholas were today placed under arrest at the instance of the authorities on a charge of using United States mails in an attempt to defraud.

### Fleet of Mighty Warships, Trimmed for Battle, Lined Up in Front of Port Arthur Awaiting Signal for Action. Japan Becoming Impatient and Suspicious Over Russia's Delay in Making Reply.

Tokio, Feb. 3.—A specially summoned conference of the Cabinet, elder statesmen, military and naval chiefs was held today at the residence of Premier Katsura. The meeting is believed to have been of much importance, though no details of the discussion have been made public. Possibly it foreshadows energetic action on account of Russian procrastination.

**RUSSIAN FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR.**

Port Arthur, Feb. 3.—Both the naval and military forces of Russia here are ready for war and it is now believed that conflict is inevitable. Within the past few days the big fighting machines that have been lying in harbor here have been put in fighting trim and have joined the guard fleet in the outside harbor. The squadron there is a powerful one. The vessels comprising it are:

BATTLESHIPS.		CRUISERS.	
Name.	Tons.	Name.	Tons.
Retvizan	12,700	Fremiaschek	5,689
Peresviet	12,674	Snively	10,450
Czarevitch	13,119	Diana	6,630
Orta	12,890	Paltada	10,920
Sevastopol	10,950	Askhold	6,190
Proheda	12,674	Varlag	6,500
Petrovavlovsk	10,960	Boyarin	3,200
Poltava	10,960		
Total	97,638	Total	51,490

The squadron inside the harbor consists of: The cruiser Djigit, of 1456 tons; the torpedo gunboat Gaidamak, of 500 tons; the sloop-of-war Zablayaka, of 1234 tons; four gunboats and the torpedo flotilla. Simultaneously the third brigade of Siberian rifles and two batteries of artillery started for an unannounced destination from Liao Yang, South Mukden.

Altogether about 9000 troops have departed, leaving 1000 men at Port Arthur, exclusive of the troops manning the fortifications. The arrivals of Japanese coal have been stopped.

In consequence of the military authority monopolizing the use of the railroad, the latter has declined to transport any more commercial freight. The telegraph company declines to accept any more press or private messages, so they will have to be routed via Chefoo.

Forty-eight hours' quarantine has been ordered against Chefoo on account of the smallpox.

### RUSSIA MAY TAKE INITIATIVE AND STRIKE FIRST

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from St. Petersburg, dated yesterday, says the Russian general staff has given Viceroy Alexieff authority to declare war and open hostilities on his own responsibility, if circumstances render it necessary.

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### TROUBLE FOR C. M. SCHWAB.

ODELL AND OTHERS CAUGHT IN THE SHIPBUILDING DEAL WILL SUE.

New York, Feb. 3.—Gov. Odell and other up-State Republican leaders who were induced to invest large sums in the bonds of the United States Shipbuilding company, have decided to begin a fight against Charles M. Schwab, Max Pam and others connected with the concern.

It was learned today that when Gov. Odell was in this city Tuesday he retained Edward Lauterbach to prosecute the fight for himself and other up-State men who got caught by the shipbuilding financiers.

### THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY—The proposition to loan \$4,000,000 to the St. Louis fair meets with Democratic opposition in the Senate. Note from Lorenz to Machen for \$25,000 introduced in the postal trial at Washington. W. C. Whitney to be buried in Woodlawn cemetery Friday. Story of municipal bribery in St. Louis told by former member of the House of Delegates during trial at Fulton. The President sends correspondence regarding the landing of troops at the Isthmus to the Senate. Senator Hanna's condition. FOREIGN—Russian warships lined up in front of Port Arthur and awaiting orders. Patience of the Japanese Government becoming exhausted. Redmond speaks on home rule in British Parliament. King Peter's Cabinet has resigned in Serbia. Tribesmen in German Southwest Africa massacre inhabitants of an entire settlement.

### SENATOR HANNA SUFFERS A SUDDEN RELAPSE

Physicians Say There Is No Need for Alarm.

### ILLNESS DUE TO THE GRIP

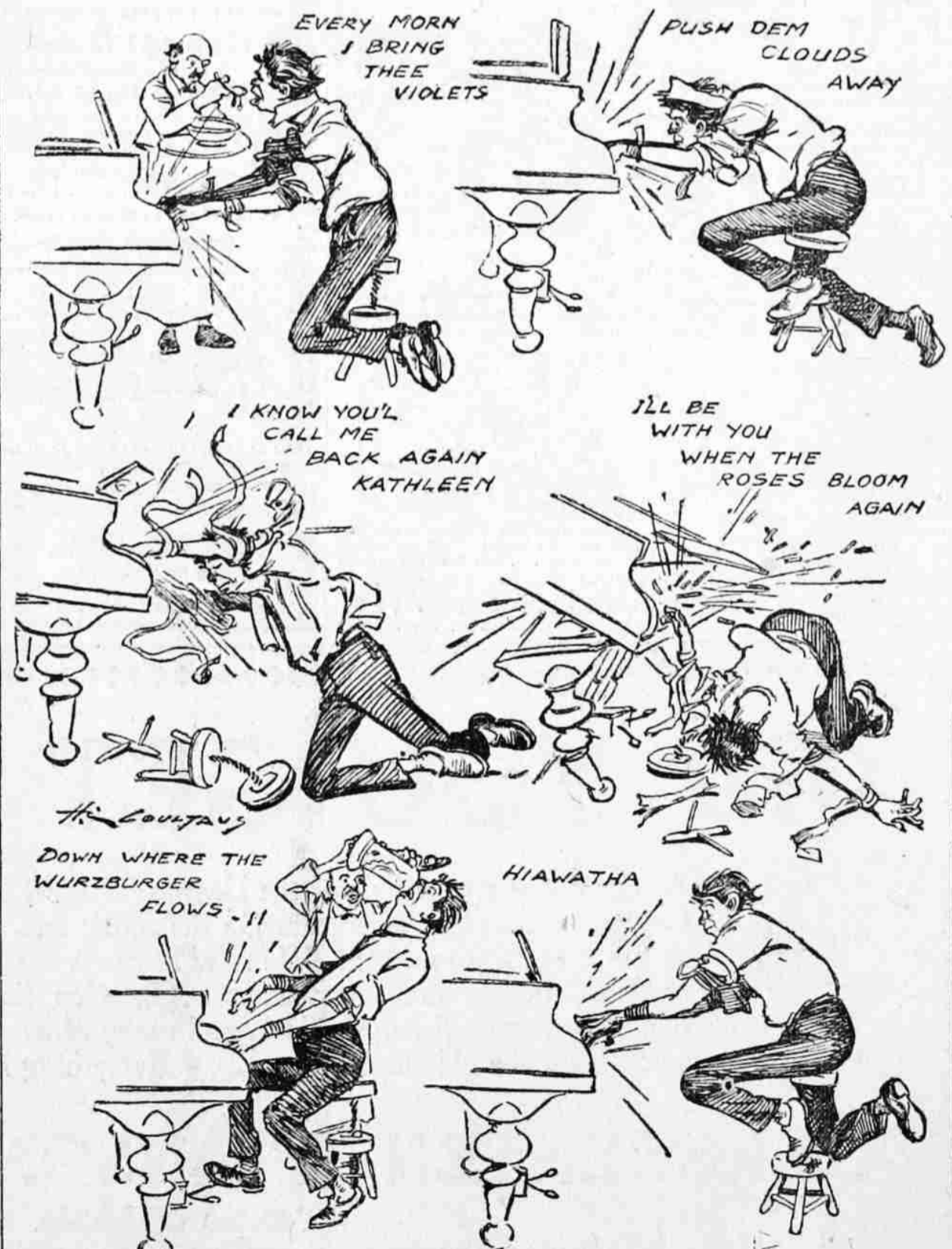
Change for Better Expected This Morning.

Patient Was Sleeping Soundly Last Night—Family Physician Summoned From New York.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator M. A. Hanna had a setback later this afternoon which for a time considerably alarmed his family, who had been encouraged to hope that he was getting to be himself again. The congestive attack which they feared was averted, to some extent, by prompt action, and tonight the Senator, while not so well as early in the day, showed excellent rallying power and improvement over his condition at sundown.

The setback came in the form of an attack that resembled sick spells that have seized the Senator on two or three occasions in the past few years. He was seized about 5:30 this afternoon with a congestive chill which has been marked heretofore by a rash of blood to the head and coldness of the extremities.

Members of the family were on hand at its first outbreak, and by the prompt application of mustard plasters and hot water the attack was prevented from becoming so serious as it was feared it might become, and later in the evening it was stated that the Senator's condition was again almost at his normal state of the past few weeks.



Why the Man Living Next Door Committed Suicide.

### CAUSE OF ILLNESS.

The illness of the Senator is due to physical and nervous exhaustion, caused by attacks of grip and overwork. At the request of Mrs. Hanna, Dr. Brewer, the New York physician, who has attended the Senator and members of his family at intermittent periods for the past twenty-five years, has been asked to come to Washington for consultation with the other physicians. He is expected to arrive here early tomorrow morning.

### CAUSE OF ILLNESS.

Dr. Brewer attended the Senator when the latter was ill some weeks ago in New York. His summons here, it is said, does not indicate any great alarm on the part of the Senator's family, but is to satisfy their wish that his advice may be had in the matter.

### Admiral Schley Ill.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Admiral Schley is confined to his home by an attack of grippe, but expects to be out in a few days.

### POSTMASTER THOMAS SAYS "NO DEFICIT"

Characterizes as "Ridiculously False" the Story Sent Out From Washington Telling of an Alleged Misappropriation of Eleven Hundred Dollars.

Postmaster Arthur L. Thomas, who has returned from his trip made to Washington to meet certain charges brought against him in his official capacity, when called upon by a representative of The Tribune yesterday refused to be interviewed for this newspaper. An evening paper yesterday contained, however, what was termed a "prepared interview," in which Mr. Thomas reiterates the statement accredited to him before he left Washington, to the effect that the charges against him had been fully met and that he would not be removed from office. He states that everything had narrowed down to the charge that he had paid James D. Adams, late cashier,

his salary while he was absent from the office, sick, and cited several alleged precedents for this action. The statement in the evening paper then continues: "When asked about the publication of a telegram in The Tribune to which was affixed the name of A. F. Phillips, and which charged him with a shortage of about \$1000 in his accounts, and that he would be permitted to work the amount out, Mr. Thomas said that any one familiar with official methods knew the charge to be ridiculously false. The Government of the United States did not permit any official accounts, and that if a shortage was discovered the Government would demand immediate restitution."