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FOUGHT SIX HOURS. British Were Forced Back by Boer Cavalry. London, January 1.—It is feared that the British reconnaissance north of Dordrecht, described in a dispatch to the war office, may turn out to have been a rather serious affair.

SECRET TREATY. There is One in Regard to Delagoa Bay. Berlin, December 31.—Despite the semi-official disavowals, several of the leading German papers believe in the existence of a secret treaty concerning Delagoa Bay.

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sent for shipment here by French and German steamers. Prices have advanced 50 per cent in consequence and the stocks are very short. Something like a famine is threatened, as the British government is stopping all goods consigned here from coast ports.

REAL WORK OF THE SESSION IS TO COMMENCE THIS WEEK IN THE SENATE. Financial Bill Programme Has Not Been Mapped Out—Quay Contest Will Be Called Up Soon.

Washington, December 31.—With the resumption of its sittings Wednesday the senate will practically begin the real work of the session. After the present week longer daily sessions will be the rule, and very few more adjournments from Thursday to Monday are to be expected as was characteristic of the sessions of the past two weeks.

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AN ADVANCE IN CAVITE STILL EXPANDING. Copenhagen Says Purchase of Danish West Indies Has Almost Been Completed.

London, January 1.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States bids fair to be accomplished. Danish Captain Christmas, who has influential friends in the United States, and who has secured the support of President McKinley, Admiral Dewey and a number of influential senators, is acting as intermediary between the two governments, direct official communication being impossible for Denmark after repeated failures in previous attempts.

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IN THE CITY OF SHANGHAI. Three Countries Seek to Retain Their Holdings.

Washington, December 31.—The announcement that the extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, which has been finally approved, brings to a close a diplomatic controversy between Great Britain, the United States and France, which has at times become rather acute.

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"Winter Finds Out What Summer Lays Down." Be it spring, summer, autumn or winter, something in the family is "something in the weather" from irritating in impure blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Never Disappoints. Hood's Pills cure liver ill, the non-irritating, only reliable to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Cawthon's A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. May you live long and prosper.

government and by the agriculturalists. Despite the favorable report of the tons committee, a hostile current is becoming manifest among the deputies.

Germany's Easy Settlement. Berlin, December 31.—Since the month settlement Thursday, which passed smoothly, the money market has been exceedingly easy.

Boers Are Cut Off. From Camp, Natal, Saturday, December 30.—Owing to the flooding of the Tug river a large party of Boers have been cut off on the south side.

THE FIRE RECORD. Business Blocks at Wortham. Wortham, Texas, December 31.—At 6 o'clock this evening fire broke out at Burleson's grocery store and burned the Longhorns' hardware stock.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it does not cure.

LOSS OF MANLY VIGOR. Dr. Hathaway Guarantees a Speedy Return to Vitality and Strength.

Dr. Hathaway's method of treating... His treatment of Varicocele and Stricture is a method exclusively his own, and in per cent of all cases results in a permanent cure.