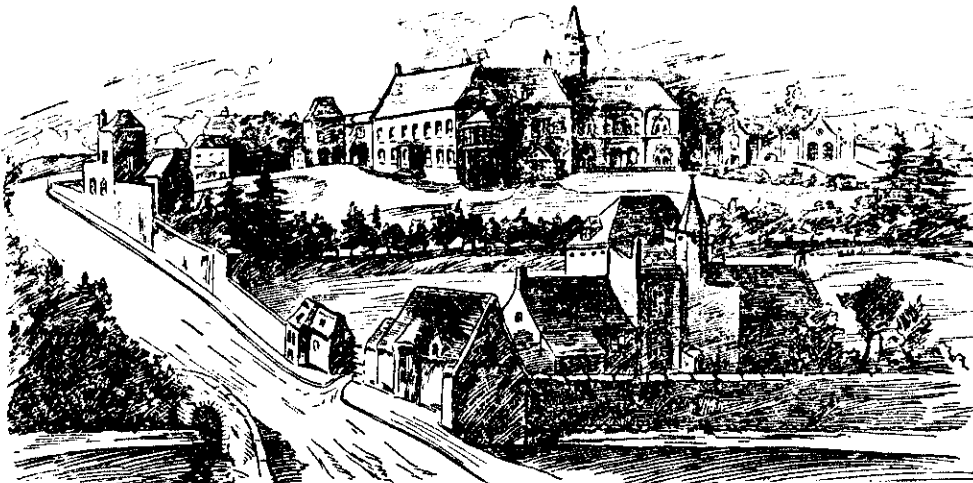


**A Home for Kruger.**



CHATEAU D'ANDERLECHT, NEAR BRUSSELS, WHERE EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER MAY LIVE.

This is a picture of the Chateau d'Anderlecht, a mansion in the suburbs of Brussels which has been placed at the disposal of ex-President Kruger by M. Oswald d'Aumerie.

The origin of this offer is somewhat curious. M. d'Aumerie, who belongs to one of the best families in Belgium, has long exhibited deep sympathy with the Boer cause, and he has done so not out of hostility to England, but for the reason that, in his opinion, the sanctity of small nations should be considered inviolable. Hence, as soon as it was rumoured that ex-President Kruger was anxious to seek an asylum in Belgium, he immediately called together a few of the principal Boer sympathisers in Brussels, and placed his chateau unreservedly at their disposal.

The result was that a few days later a deputation, consisting of Mr. Fischer (one of the Boer peace delegates), some of Dr. Leyds' subordinates, and the editors of the three principal Belgian papers, went out to the chateau and inspected it.

Anderlecht is a very pretty suburb lying southeast of this city, consisting of handsome mansions which are dotted about in grounds of limited extent on the slopes of the natural undulations of the country.

The chateau of M. d'Aumerie is best described by the accompanying sketch. It is not by any means the ancestral home of the d'Aumeries, for the present owner only acquired it two years ago, when it was in a more or less forlorn and dilapidated condition. In this short space of time he has completely transformed it, laying out the grounds with much taste so as to shut out the distant views of factory chimneys, which would otherwise detract from its rural charm. You reach it by a draw-bridge, crossing a narrow moat, and leading right up to the colonnades which form the entrance to the mansion. The main gate is flanked by two colossal busts, which formerly belonged to the Castle of Gravesande.

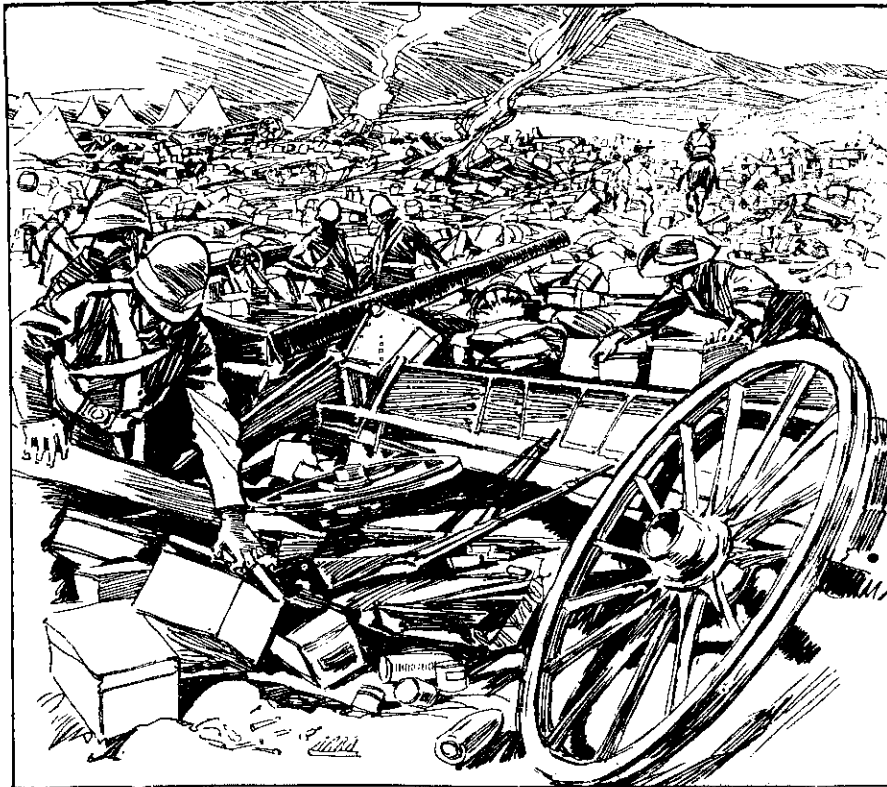
The vestibule is decorated by the arms of the d'Aumeries and several other families to which it is allied—the Brederodes of Merode, of Cullenbourg, of Pallandt, of Laluing, of Borssele, etc. On the right is a small room which will be used by Mr. Kruger as an ante-chamber, and which is furnished in the Gothic style. The fireplace in the corner is curiously decorated with a sort of Renaissance cupboard, containing a quantity of old Delft. The first thing which will strike the eyes of the ex-President in the ante-chamber is a monumental Bible, 74 inches thick, and dating from 1772. The ante-chamber communicates with the modern apartments, giving access to a large space ornamented with rockeries and plants. The sleeping rooms form a cluster of chambers with old Gothic doors, and containing a large number of ancient chests. In the left wing M. d'Aumerie's studio is situated, besides several other apartments.

The grounds, which have an area of only ten acres, are laid out according to a plan designed by the proprietor himself, and are provided with plenty of walks and prospects.

Charmed with the place, the deputation gladly accepted M. d'Aumerie's offer.

It is pointed out as curious that the ex-President should find what will probably be his final domicile in the ancient abbey, which is now the chateau of Anderlecht, and which the Catholic monks built three centuries ago—a building destined to provide shelter for the ex-President of a Protestant Republic and a descendant of the Huguenots. However, the incongruity is somewhat modified by the fact that some years ago the chateau opened its hospitable doors to King Leopold I., who slept in the very bedroom now assigned to Mr. Kruger.

One wonders whether the ex-President will feel at home at Anderlecht. However, he will doubtless accommodate himself to circumstances, and, if he finds the place monotonous, he will be able to obtain recreation by an occasional visit to the gay city of Brussels on the one hand, and the battlefield of Waterloo on the other.



**What Our Troops Found at Komati Poort.**

When our troops reached Komati Poort it was found that the Boers had destroyed everything possible over a tremendous area. The devastation included hundreds of waggons, trucks and carriages, together with all kinds of stores—clothing, ammunition, forage and provisions. Thousands of tons were, indeed, still burning. Besides the burning stores, moreover, hundreds of tons of ammunition, caps, gunpowder, and other explosives, ready-fused shells, from pom-pom to 6-inch, broken rifles, and cannon were found scattered over acres of ground.



**Volunteers—But Gordons Too!**

During General Buller's advance from Lydenburg upon the Boer positions between that place and Spitzkop, the Volunteer Company of the Gordon Highlanders was marching in column when a shrapnel shell burst over it, killing three men and wounding sixteen. Notwithstanding this heavy loss, however, the whole company continued to march forward as if nothing had happened.