

an independent South Africa, secured in its independence by the Continent of Europe, over which Kruger should rule as President. At times Kruger's speeches seemed to point in one direction, at times to another, but the end was always the same. The heel was ground more firmly on the Outlanders, till the cry of their suffering filled the earth.

Even in England, very little sympathy was now felt for the Johannesburgers. It was thought (not altogether justly) that they had fooled away their chances, and deserved all they got. They were openly taunted with cowardice, and for a time their city was nick-named throughout South Africa, "Judasberg." Their conspiracy was perhaps the worst managed conspiracy Englishmen had ever taken part in during recent years, and they had been content to lay down their arms without striking a blow. No doubt they had innumerable very good excuses ; no doubt they were jockeyed and fooled by Kruger ; but the world would have preferred to hear their excuses after they had fought.

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