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The book should be of great interest to economic historians in particular and international economists in general. It provides invaluable insights into the financial history of a country which, in many respects, paved the way for others in modern finance.

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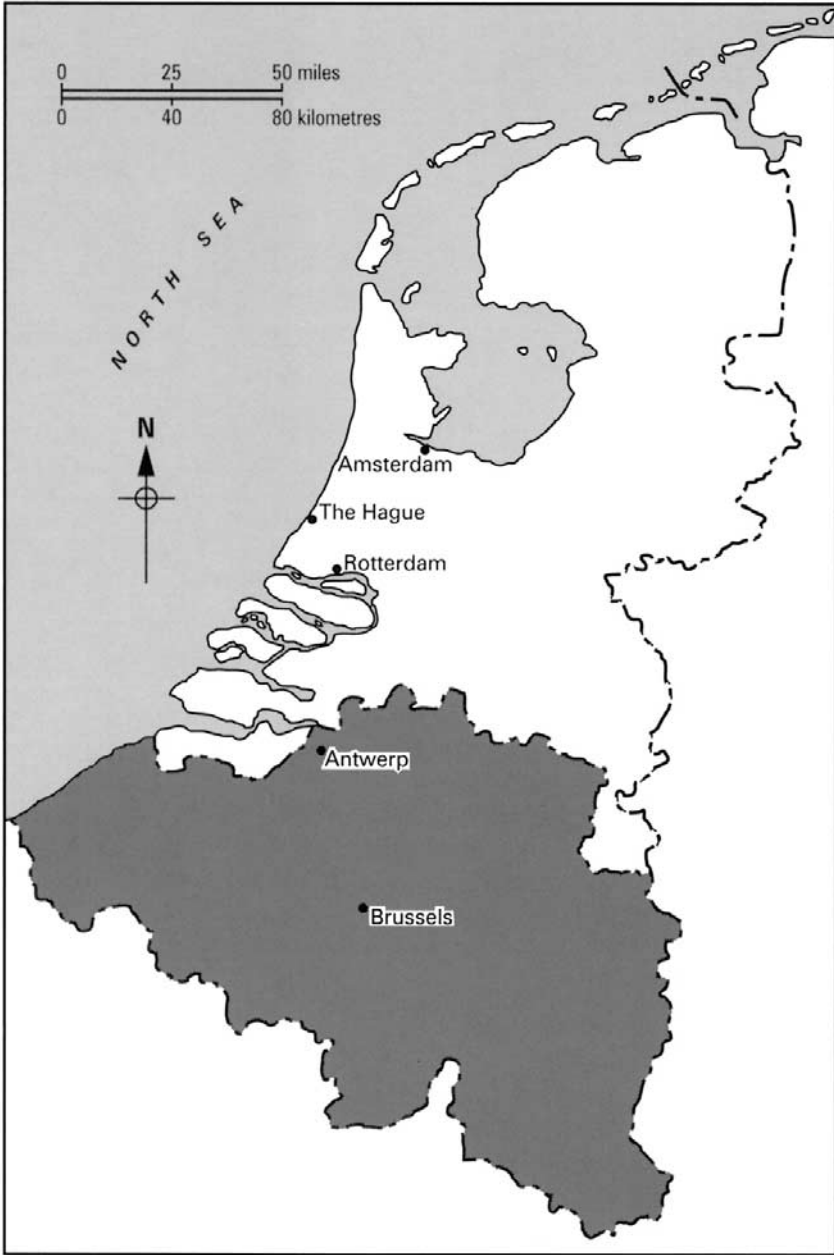
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