

with the well-dressed citizens waving flags and behaving hilariously; whilst drags, and carts, and brakes, and expresses, elaborately betrimmed with flags and mottoes and devices, and containing men and lads in all sorts of quaint and queer costumes, and playing a variety of weird-sounding instruments, were rattling to and fro in every direction.

Acting, probably on a preconcerted arrangement, the school children came together in large numbers, and presently issued forth in procession in charge of their teachers, waving flags, and giving forth the liveliest demonstrations of delight. Their appearance in the streets was the sign for renewed expressions of exultant enthusiasm on the part of the multitude.

By half-past 2 o'clock many thousands of people had gathered in the large area separating the General Post Office and the Queen's Wharf, and, viewed from the vantage ground of the former, presented a sea of expectant faces towards the gallery from which it was anticipated the official announcement of the relief of Mafeking would be made.

#### GROTESQUE FIGURE OF PAUL KRUGER.

From a warehouse opposite, a life-sized effigy of Paul Kruger dangled at the end of a pole, to which elevation it had been promoted by means of a block and tackle. The figure was surmounted with a boar's head, the lower part of the face being surrounded by white wool, which imparted to it a singularly life-like appearance, which was enhanced by the sober garb of black in which the effigy was contained, and the inevitable bell-topper which it clasped to its breast with characteristic poise. Several persons provided agreeable diversion by leading off a number of patriotic songs from an elevation on the Post Office buildings, which were taken up with great gusto by the multitude below.

Jupp's Band, which put in an early appearance, also did much to fan the excitement by its spirited playing of a number of popular airs. Meanwhile the Volunteers had been mustering strongly, and presently they appeared with Colonel Pole Penton at their head, and took up a position in advance of the crowd in

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