

# BRITAIN'S QUEEN

### Was Duly Remembered on the 81st Anniversary of Her Birth By

### LOYAL SUBJECTS IN THE YUKON

### Ablly Assisted By Their Yankee Cousins,

### IN A GRAND CELEBRATION

### That Reflected Credit to the Soil on Which It Took Place—Notes of the Day.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The sun never rose on a more beautiful or more perfect day than yesterday, the occasion of the queen's 81st birthday anniversary. The preceding afternoon and evening had witnessed the arrival in the city of hundreds of people from the creeks, and at an early hour yesterday forenoon the streets were crowded with a happy throng; and while the majority of those who turned out to honor the gala day were not subjects of her who was so graciously and kindly remembered, yet all were for the day at least Britains in that they joined heart and soul in celebrating the natal day of Britain's sovereign queen.

The day was probably much more pleasant here than at many other points on the "queen's own land" where the happy and memorable day was celebrated, as here it was just sufficiently warm to cause the merry throng to appear comfortably in the lightest of attire and enjoy at intervals the product of the effervescent sodawater and milkshake man. By 10:30 o'clock in the morning, the hour at which the long list of sports began, it is estimated that fully 6000 people, one-third of the population of the entire Yukon district, was on the streets to see and be seen.

It was an ideal day for field sports. The weather was exceptionally fine, and the ground, which had been sprinkled well the night previous by direction of

Sergeant Wilson, was in excellent condition. The large crowd was good natured; no trouble was experienced in maintaining perfect order, and the pleasures of the day were not marred by a single accident. The satisfactory dispositions of the numerous events reflects credit on the committee, and its earnest efforts are worthy of great praise.

At 10 o'clock in the morning, the appearance of the Yukon Field Force band in the grand stand signalized the commencement of the athletic contests. The events on the program and the successful competitors are as follows:

Putting the shot—Webster won; distance 39 feet, prize \$25; McLeod second, 38 feet, prize \$15.

Tossing the caber—McLeod won, distance 36 feet, prize \$30; no second prize was awarded.

Running high jump—Atwood won, height 5 feet 2 inches, prize \$25; Brimstone and Wakefield each jumped 5 feet and tied for the second prize, \$15, which was divided.

Vaulting with pole—Wakefield won, height 9 feet 4 inches, prize \$25; Preston second, 9 feet. After the event, Wakefield gave an exhibition in which he vaulted the height of 10 feet.

Running hop, step and jump—Wakefield won, distance 37 feet 11 1/2 inches, prize \$20; Farrell second, 37 feet 3 inches, prize \$10.

Running broad jump—Farrell won, distance 17 feet 9 1/2 inches, prize \$25; Wakefield second, 17 feet 5 1/2 inches, prize \$15.

One-half mile horse, flat, race—Blossom, owned by Whitehorse stables, won, prize \$100; Club, owned by Alex McDonald, second, prize \$50.

One-fourth mile horse race, three heats. First heat—Queen first, Wilson's horse second. Second heat, Blossom first, Queen second, Wilson's horse third. As Blossom did not enter the first heat, she was disqualified for the second heat. Therefore, the judges declared Queen to be the winner of the race, prize \$100, and Wilson's horse second, prize \$50.

One-half mile mule race—Marshall's mule won, prize \$50; Nipper second, prize \$20.

Miners' packing race, 50 pounds, one-fourth mile—Coleman won, prize \$25; McIntosh second, prize \$10.

Obstacle race, 50 yards—Wakefield won, prize \$20; Preston second, prize \$10.

Three-legged race, 75 yards—Wakefield and Farrell won, prize \$30; Watson and Sewall second, prize \$15.

One hundred yard race, three heats—First heat, Ford first; Browning second. Second heat, Duncan first, Watson second. Final heat of contestants who secured places in the first and second heats, Ford won, time 11 seconds, prize \$30; Duncan second, prize \$20; Watson third, prize \$10.

Two hundred and twenty yard race—Ford won, prize \$30; Atwood second, prize \$20; Farrell third, prize \$10.

One hundred and twenty yard hurdle race—Browning won, prize \$30; Duncan second, prize \$10.

Boys' race, aged under 15 years—Delphel won, prize \$10; Cummings second, prize \$5.

One-fourth mile walking race—Ford won, prize \$30; Martin second, prize \$15.

One mile walking race—Martin won, prize \$40; Thoeur second, prize \$20. Ford, at the finish, was ahead of his competitors at least 15 feet; but the judges declared that he did not confine

himself to heel and toe walking, and he was accordingly disqualified.

Veteran's race, aged 50 years or over—Meck won, prize \$25.

One-fourth mile dash, bicycle race—Peterson won, prize \$30; Smith second, prize \$15.

One-half mile dash, bicycle race—Bell won, prize \$30; Williams second, prize \$15. Peterson would probably have won this race had he not been fouled by other contestants; the judges, however, failed to see the misdeed, and no one was disqualified. Peterson, after being thrown from his wheel, remounted and finished third.

Tug of war (turf pulling)—A. C. team won, prize \$125; Brimstone's team second, prize \$50. The winning team was comprised of R. J. Elviage, A. Gunn, R. Reaves, A. C. McDonald, Ben Trenneman and G. F. Russell, coach.

Throwing the hammer—McLeod won, distance 87 feet 9 1/2 inches, prize \$30; Ross second, 85 feet one-half inch, prize \$20. After the event, McLeod made an exhibition throw of 90 feet 7 inches.

Canoe race, single—Norton won, prize \$25.

Canoe race, double—Norton and Anance won, prize \$50; Lucas and Gardner second, prize \$25.

Canoe race, four—Anance, Norton, Boulder and McComber, won, prize \$75; Lucas, Gardner, Bruce and West second, prize \$30.

The long distance foot-race for a purse of \$2000 between Lule Cardinell, the half-breed Indian, and George Taylor, occurred in the vacant lot at the corner of Third avenue and Third street last evening, and the event was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The track was soft and very slow. The contestants started the match, which had been advertised to be for a distance of 20 miles, at 8:30 o'clock. Taylor took the lead and Cardinell followed a few feet behind. Each man fell into a fast trot, and nothing eventful occurred until the seventh mile was reached, when Cardinell spurred and gained two laps on his adversary. In the first half of the twelfth mile, the Indian gained another lap, and then Taylor abandoned the contest. Cardinell continued to run around the track until he had completed 13 1/2 miles, and he was declared to be the winner of the race without being required to make the remainder of the distance. The 20 mile race ended the field sports of the day.

All day and until the approach of another day the streets were packed with the living throng. At 9 o'clock there was a general movement towards the Palace Grand-theater to witness the third and last production of the greatest success ever billed in Dawson—living whist and Kirmiss. In a short time nearly every seat in the spacious building was occupied, and the entire presentation from start to finish was played with as much zeal, spirit and gusto as on the first night; in fact, on the principle that practice makes perfect, the game progressed more smoothly than on previous occasions.

At the conclusion of the whist the score for the three evenings was announced as follows: Chas. J. K. Nourse, 13 tricks; W. H. P. Clement, 10 tricks; Comptroller Lithgow, 10 tricks; Hon. Justice Dugas, 6 tricks.

Mr. Nourse was introduced as the successful player, and presented with the fine \$150 prize previously described in this paper as an artistic charm or breast-pin. Mr. Nourse blushed like a school girl and made a few happy and appropriate remarks and was most unmercifully gayed by his many friends in the boxes.

The portions of the program preceding and following the whist game as on the previous presentations, were really the leading features, the children again completely capturing the audience and receiving storms of applause. The features of the juvenile portion of the program which elicited the greatest applause were the dancing of little Miss Cassie Carter, who was fairly showered with silver; the cake walk of the five year olds, Miss Goodwin Anderson and Louie Conchita Shaw, and the negro song and dance by Miss Josephine Pickel, dressed as a boy in which she presented the appearance of a typical page.

Immediately after the close of the program the floor of the theater was cleared and to melodious strains from Quigley's orchestra the grand charity ball began a few minutes past the mid night hour. Fully 100 couples participated in the worship at the terpsichorean shrine, and until 4 o'clock this morning when Old Sol was well started on his journey "cross country" the merry dance continued and joy was unconfined.

As the net proceeds of the tournament which was brought to such a happy and successful termination this morning will all be turned over to St. Mary's hospital, that deservingly popular institution will receive a handsome sum.

To Prof. H. T. Whitley and the various ladies who had the matter in charge, as well as the many ladies and gentlemen who devoted their time and talent to making the tournament the eminent success it was are due the thanks of all whose pleasure it was to witness the presentation.

Last night's events were a most happy and fitting finale to the great annual holiday, the anniversary of the Queen of old England.

### Snap Shots.

White dresses and sailor hats were out in full force.

George Noble makes a first-class marksman of the day.

Sergeant Wilson sat the calico horse with the grace of a Chesterfield.

The wind embraced the opportunity to blow through Capt. Jack's hair.

Tom Chisholm did not enter the caber putting contest lest he rip his new suit.

The "fizz" stands enjoyed a heavy trade during the afternoon, when everybody was warm and thirsty.

The "400" was well represented at the ball last night; likewise a sprinkling from the ranks of the "1111."

During the entire day there was a noticeable absence of drunkenness and rowdiness, and even at night the very best of order reigned throughout the city.

Alex McDonald would have tossed the caber, but understood the contest was to have taken place later in the day. Hundreds of others say the same thing.

Fred Webster, who came out first in the shot putting contest, handed over the prize check, amounting to \$25, to Col. MacGregor to be donated to Ottawa fire relief fund.

After winning several contests, Fred Atwood sprained one of his feet in the hurdle race and will, perforce, have to invest all his prize money in poultices, arnica, bandages and crutches.

Abashed at the thought of his ancestry and with a blush for the future of his race, a mule bolted the track and took to the sidewalk during that race, but fortunately doing no damage.

The fact that Taylor weakened in the foot race so early caused a material reduction in the gate receipts, as had the race continued to a finish hundreds would have dropped in to witness the finish who were not there at all.

Probably due to a scarcity of flags, the absence of general decoration throughout the city was very apparent, but in many places waved the flag of the country, and usually in close proximity could be seen the stars and stripes.

The hammer throwing contest took place at the Y. F. F. barracks between 9 and 10 o'clock p. m. After the announcement of the result the judges and all others in the field formed in procession and headed by the piper playing, marched into town.

Joseph A. Clark, secretary of the citizens committee, was easily distinguished from the common herd. In lieu of a vest, Joseph had his bust encased in a copy of the British flag, but it failed to impart to his legs sufficient patriotism to enable them to make him a winner in sprinting events.

In no part of the Queen's empire could the 81st anniversary of her birth be more happily and good humoredly celebrated than here in the far away Klondike, where, although the residents were all lured by love of gold, they are still deeply imbued with all that is characteristic of human nature in the way of patriotism and love of enjoyment. The events of yesterday and last night were a monument to the memory of the Klondike and a credit to the soil of Britain.

### The Cap Fitted.

Short, fat, red-faced and wheezy, he walked into a down town restaurant with an air of proprietorship, removed the chair next to his at the table so as to have plenty of room, snapped his pudgy fingers for a waiter, gave a high priced order and then reveled in the attention he had attracted. Two minutes later a gentlemanly, well-groomed Detroit banker quietly took a seat at the opposite side of the table and gave a modest order.

"Cold," declared the big man in his big voice.

The banker did not remove his eyes from the paper he was scanning or utter a sound.

"Cold," repeated the irrepressible; "devilish cold. Coldest snap we've had. Say, do you know any one in Plunkton?"

"We have a correspondent there," without neglecting the paper.

"Can you tell me anything about a man named Ricketts out there?"

"Only by hearsay. I understand that he is a mighty fine feller; sort of an overgrown toad in the local puddle. I imagine that it would be easy to lose him anywhere else."

"Say," exclaimed the big man, "I'm Ricketts. Yes, sir. You've insulted me, sir. You're nothin but a bloomin aristocrat."

"I strikes me," said the banker steadily, looking up for the first time, "that you are a delightful study in cardinal animality, fats, oils and steaming self esteem."

Others laughed, the big man hurried out into the "devilish cold," and the banker went on with his paper.—Detroit Free Press.

### Please Call.

Mr. Charles Diefendorf, of San Francisco, will be given some valuable information if he will call at the Nugget office.

### A Snap.

Furnished cabin, together with lot 25x100 feet, good location, for sale; a bargain. Owner going to Nome. Address A., Nugget office.

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# CLIMAX AT LAST

### Transvaal Government Decides to Ask for Cessation of War.

### THREATEN TO RESORT TO POWDER

### And Blow Up Johannesburg and Pretoria,

### UNLESS THEY GET PEACE.

### Kruger Opposed Sending Messages and Urged That the Fight Be Continued.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 19, via Skagway, May 25.—The Transvaal government today decided to ask Roberts for a cessation of hostilities. Accompanying the request is a plea for a guarantee of lives of the colonials and foreigners fighting in the Boer army. Unless this guarantee is given the petition state that the Johannesburg mines will be blown up and Pretoria destroyed by fire.

Kruger opposed the sending of the request and left the council, declaring that he would fight to the last man and the last cartridge.

### Great Rejoicing.

London, May 20, via Skagway, May 25.—Reports that the Transvaal government is suing for peace is generally accredited, and, added to the great rejoicing at the relief of Mafeking, has caused a wave of general good feeling and happiness seldom experienced to sweep over all England.

On the evening of the 18th, after hearing the news from Mafeking, Queen Victoria spoke at length, expressing the greatest gratification and thankfulness that after a most heroic defense of seven months, the besieged city had been relieved.

### Boer Delegation.

Washington, D. C., May 20, via Skagway, May 25.—The Boer delegation has not yet been officially received. Whether or not the representatives will be accredited depends upon the delegates themselves and the nature of their credentials.

### To Blow Up Esquimaux.

Vancouver, B. C., May 20, via Skagway, May 25.—Penian sympathizers with the Boer cause made an attempt to blow up the fortifications at Esquimaux just after midnight on Wednesday, May 16th. The sentries discovered four men to be within the lines of the outposts; but the latter escaped without being apprehended.

### Two Butler Stories.

Once when Gen. Butler was in congress he rose in his place and gently insinuated that the member who was occupying the floor was transgressing the limit of debate. "Why, general," said the member in reproachful tones, you divided your time with me. "I know I did," rejoined the grim old warrior, "but I did not divide eternity with you."

But perhaps Butler's most savage retort was made in a political convention, in which a distinguished Unitarian divine, I think it was James Freeman Clarke, sat as a delegate. While the subject of candidates was being discussed this clergyman announced that if a certain nomination was made he would bolt it.

"Very likely," Butler blurted out. "You are good at bolting; in your religion you bolt two-thirds of the Trinity."

The convention broke into a roar of laughter, in which the clergyman joined. —New York Mail and Express.

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