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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Victorians To-Morrow Will Begin
Their Celebration in Honor of
Her Majesty.

Thousands Will Come to See the
Sights and Help in the
Amusements.

A List of Attractions That Is
Sure to Please Everyone
Who Attends.

Everybody is looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to Victoria's 80th birthday. Even the excitement of the war with Spain is forgotten for the moment and they will flock over to take their part in the three day carnival of sports that has been prepared for the public amusement. The citizens of Victoria have responded generously to the call for funds and as a result a very attractive programme has been arranged. An innovation has been introduced this year out of compliment to the many miners who are on their way to the Yukon and real time miners' races will be witnessed on the streets, affording as much amusement as any other event of the celebration.

The transportation companies have arranged special rates of single fare for the round trip from the provincial mainland and the Sound, and the E. & N. railway have decided to run afternoon trains to-morrow, Tuesday and Wednesday, leaving Victoria for Wellington at 6 o'clock and Wellington for Victoria at 6 o'clock, besides having trains running all Tuesday between Victoria and Langford to accommodate those going to the regatta on the Arm.

Every light draught boat in port expects to do business on Tuesday, and the fleet will doubtless be considerably larger than that of former years. The Chamber will make a special trip to Vancouver to-morrow in order to bring down the mainland militia and to arrive in the morning and will return early in the day carrying only passengers. Rates on both the City and the City of Kingston have been reduced to half fare, only being charged those coming over for the celebration.

THE PROGRAMME.
MONDAY.
10 a.m.—Miners' races, Douglas street.
10:30 a.m.—International yachting regatta off Beacon Hill.
11 a.m.—Baseball match, Beacon Hill, Nanaimo Stars v. Victoria Maple Leaves.
2:30 p.m.—Baseball races, Oak Bay park.
8 p.m.—Assault at arms, Drill hall.

TUESDAY.
8:30 a.m.—Rifle match, Clover Point, open to all comers.
10 a.m.—Lacrosse match, Caledonia park, Victoria v. Vancouver.
10:30 a.m.—Shooting tournament at Beacon Hill.
1 p.m.—Regatta at the Gorge.
8 p.m.—Assault at arms, Drill hall.
8 p.m.—Victoria theatre, Joe Flynn.

WEDNESDAY.
10 a.m.—Junior baseball, Beacon Hill.
3 p.m.—Military review and demonstration at Beacon Hill.
8 p.m.—Assault at arms, Drill hall.
8:15 p.m.—Fifth Regiment band concert, Oak Bay.

REGATTA IN Queen's Birthday
MINERS' RACES.
Among the most interesting events will be the miners' races which take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. These races are over a course of two miles through the principal streets of the city. The competitors carry packs of 60 pounds each and the course is from the corner of Douglas and Yates streets, along Douglas street, round the Fountain, then back by Government street to Yates and the starting point. The committee supply the packs and each competitor has to produce a miner's license for the current year. This will be followed by a miners' race for pack animals over a course from the corner of Yates and Douglas streets by Government, Fort, Cook and Yates streets to the starting point.

BI-CYCLE RACES.
The bicycle races to be held at Oak Bay track to-morrow afternoon should prove decidedly interesting as the track is one of the finest on the Coast and admits of speed being made. The tramway service up Fort street takes passengers to the grounds. The programme includes: Amateur mile, novice, one mile opens, one mile, boys, 16 years an under; one-third mile, open; two miles, lap race; five miles, open. There will be besides track bicycling, high class vaudeville acts, and the Fifth Regiment band.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.
The Fifth Regiment have prepared a particularly fine spectacular effect for the assault-at-arms which takes place at the drill hall, during each evening of the celebration. This includes a very realistic exhibition of the fighting of Dargal Heights. The whole end of the drill hall has been prepared with scenery that represents the heights, the rocks being 40 feet high. The heights will be defended by Afridis and the Highlanders, Staffordshire, Berkshires and Gourkas will swarm up the rocks and dislodge the enemy, making a very thrilling battle scene. Over 60 men will be engaged and so arranged as to make it appear as if it were a large force. The programme consists of: Open selection; Fifth Regiment band; boxing contest; bayonet exercise; parallel bars; dumb bell exercise by public school boys; field gun drill; burlesque mounted combat; sword bayonet drill; exhibition by Mr. St. Clair's "Lion Cubs"; fancy marching; horizontal bars; camp scene; single sticks; tumbling; taking of Dargal Heights.

RIFLE MATCHES.
The rifle matches on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at Clover Point are open to all comers and competitors must supply their own ammunition. The ranges are 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven shots at each range; any open sight rifle may be used. The matches are: 1. 200 yards, eight prizes, 500 yards, nine prizes, 600 yards, ten prizes. 4. Aggregate prize.

TRAP SHOOTING.
This event, which takes place on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. under the auspices of the Victoria Gun Club, at Beacon Hill, consists of: 1. Team shoot; 2. 15-lb. bird shoot; 3. 10 singles and 5 pairs; 4. 15 singles. All shooting is at unknown angles.

THE REGATTA.
Naturally the regatta at the Arm is looked upon as one of the very prettiest sights to be seen during the celebration. The beauty of the scenery up the Arm being famous. The opening event takes place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, and the officials are: Starters—Capt. J. D.

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TO BOSTON FOR VENGEANCE.

Brigantine Brings a Disquieting Story
Along With a Cargo of Salt.

St. John's, Nfld., May 22.—Capt. Strong, of the brigantine Encey, which arrived here to-day with a cargo of salt from Cadiz, reports that when he left Cadiz a fortnight ago the greatest activity prevailed in the naval arsenal there. The two Hamburg-American liners Columbia and Normania, purchased to be used as auxiliary cruisers and now named the Rapido and Patria, were being rapidly armored and the warships refitting in the harbor were loading stores and munitions of war.

Capt. Strong is convinced that at the time he was in Cadiz the Spanish government fully intended to send this fleet to attack American coast cities on the North Atlantic, preferably Boston. He says the Spanish populace was greatly inflamed against the English and Americans and that his crew dared not venture ashore.

The inventor of Volapuk, Johann Martin Schleier, a retired Catholic priest at Constance, Germany. He first advanced his ideas in 1870. He was in 1881 Oberland in Baden Germany. At present he lives in Constance. His first grammar of Volapuk appeared in 1870. Schleier is said to be more or less of a poet as well as a musician.

Macola, the Italian Deputy who killed Sig. Cavallotti, a duel not long ago, has been compelled to leave Italy for the time being, as public opinion is so strong against him. Since his duel he has been in the hands of the Italian government. The Gazzetta di Venezia, about Prof. Edward Vivante, the playing of whose children in the apartment above that occupied by Macola disturbed the rest of the Deputy. For this article he was heavily fined after a libel suit.

SAVED LIVES AND LIMBS.
Rontgen Rays of Great Assistance to the Wounded in Indian Campaign.

London, May 22.—The first report of the use of the Rontgen rays in the surgery of warfare was made yesterday at the United Service Institution by Surgeon-General Beavor, who described the results of their use in the recent frontier campaign in India and gave lantern views of many important trials in cases of bullet wounds received by officers and men who were injured in the bones, joints and internal organs. Their injuries but for the X rays would have resulted in the amputation of limbs and probable loss of life.

The picture shown included wounds in the arms, legs, chest, back, finger and other parts. The most remarkable results, perhaps, were a case of a bullet embedded in the back bone, another in the hip, and the case of an Indian soldier who was shot in the foot, pieces of the bullet finally lodging in the back of the heel. Also the case of General Gurney who received bullet wounds in the leg and arm at Dargal. In all the instances enumerated, the bullets were by the use of X rays successfully rejoining their comrades at the front. The portable apparatus weighs from fifty to a hundred pounds.

SHIPS DID NOT FIGHT.
That Story was a Fabrication, But the Americans Shelled Another Cuban Fort.

Washington, May 22.—The rumors of a great naval battle current last night were disposed of by the navy department early to-day in the following bulletin: "No truth in the published statement that an engagement took place between the U.S.S. Albatross, Hayti, in which 12 ships were sunk."

Madrid, May 2.—An official despatch from General Blanco says some American warships shelled the forts guarding the water approaches to Neuvas, province of Puerto Principe, on Thursday night last.

Senator Leon y Castillo, the Spanish ambassador to France, who was recently offered the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs, had a long conference to-day with the Premier, Senor Sagasta. Absolute reticence is observed as to the matter discussed.

Great indignation is felt here over the statement contained in General Blanco's telegram that the American warships hoisted the Spanish flag before attacking Guantanamo. The newspapers contain savage attacks upon America regarding the alleged action of the United States vessels.

Gibraltar, May 22.—An unconfirmed rumor is in circulation here that the Spanish squadron at Cadiz is about to sail for Cuban waters.

A Spanish battery of artillery arrived this afternoon at San Roque, several miles north of Gibraltar, and has been placed in position.

JAPAN SATISFIED.
No Interest in the Philippines Since an Agreement of a Few