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BRAEMAR GATHERING:

Massed pipe bands give a rousing send-off to the Braemar Gathering. The 20,000 spectators include the Queen, the Queen Mother and Prince Philip.

His Royal Highness wears the kilt at this traditional Scottish Gathering. Highlander Hugh Fraser matches his muscles against the caber - and, one, two, three and over it goes. A mighty effort indeed, but not, quite enough to win him the contest. Still in the muscle department, here's how to put the heavy stone - 28 pounds of it. J. Hunter's put of 29 ft, 11 inches means that he and E. Cameron tie for first place. Next comes throwing the 22 pounds hammer, and this is H.A. Gray, a farmer's son, showing how to break a record. 98 feet and half an inch, is his achievement. Meanwhile the weather has gone from bad to worse, and heavy drizzle mars the dancing contests.

Through teeming rain, the royal party watches little six year old Alison Grant avoid swords (and puddles) in her solo.

Let it rain, let it pour - they breed 'em tough North of the Border.