

WRITES MAGAZINE TALE ON KIPONA

Miss Watts Tells of Annual Water Fete in Story in the American City

An interesting account of "Kipona—The Annual Water Fete in Harrisburg," as written by Miss Irma A. Watts, this city, is printed in the July issue of the American City.

The story of the water fete follows: "With the advance of civic progress the idea of special municipal fetes has spread like a wave over the cities of the United States. If one were so inclined, one might spend the best part of the year going from city to city 'doing the carnivals,' since the large ones, fortunately, are held in different months. They vary in character and duration, as well as in name and the manner of celebration, some lasting only one day, others ten. But it was for Harrisburg, Pa., to be the pioneer in holding a water fete.

"Some years ago a very impractical but wholly unnecessary intercepting sewer was installed along the river shore in Harrisburg for the entire length of the city. A concrete wall was built over it to protect it from ice and floods—for when it comes a real celebration the Susquehanna river can get up a large one on very short notice and show no partiality to the cities along its course. It was invited all to join it. The wall, instead of being made perpendicular or an incline, was divided into steps to the water's edge.

"A wide walk was laid on the top, electric standards of simple, effective design were added at regular intervals; the whole forming a beautiful esplanade about two and one-half miles in length. Then a dam was built across the river at the lower end of the city. The town, now being provided with unusual boating facilities and the 'Front Steps' unintentionally forming a large and several Indian words and means 'to be upon the sparkling water.' The first Kipona was held in 1916, and will occur annually hereafter on the course.

"The celebration consisted of all sorts of aquatic events. During the afternoon the following contests were held: 100-yard swim for boys under sixteen; quarter-mile canoe races (women's doubles); 100-yard swim with umbrellas; half-mile canoe race (mixed); 100-yard swim, open; 100-yard tub race; half-mile canoe race (men's doubles); 100-yard swim for girls; quarter-mile obstacle canoe race; quarter-mile swim; canoe tilt-race test; scholastic war canoe contest.

"Last, but not least, there was a spectacular exhibit in aqua-planing. On a plane attached to a motorboat a high school girl, Miss J. Krause, of Williamsport, Pa., sped up and down the course in the wake of the motorboat, swinging from side to side, but ever maintaining an upright position.

"But it is at night that Kipona is at its best. Boats, barges from which floated strains of music from the various bands, canoes with variously skilfully concealed, all gayly decorated and swinging Japanese lanterns and colored electric lights, formed a gliding parade. Moored just beyond the course for the parade, elaborately decorated floats, representing anything from an electric fountain to the American flag, built and equipped with the various business firms of the city, shed rays of light upon the water from myriads of tiny electric lights. The submarine lights of red, green and white, which illuminated the sparkling waters flowing above them, brought a weird sensation to the beholder as they in the wake of the boats passing over them, only to reappear the next instant.

"The final event was a display of fireworks."

Divinity Student Gets Beads From Co-Eds in Lieu of Stolen Clothes

Chicago, July 11.—When Henry Anderson, a divinity student of Northwestern University, awoke last night in his dormitory, he realized for the first time how Adam must have felt when autumn set in. He had no more clothes than a gold fish. His room had been entered and he had been despoiled of his garments, a wrist watch, a fountain pen and \$11.

"When this state of affairs reached the ears of some local co-eds they formed a first aid unit and sent relief post haste. They sent to the 'first aid kit' these following items, to wit, viz: A string of beads, A pair of pearl spats, A Gainsborough hat, A tulle bow, A leaf.

Germans Penetrate Lines Held by British Army

London, July 11.—The enemy penetrated British positions in Belgium on a front of 1,000 yards to a depth of 300 yards, says a statement issued by the British war office today.

In their advance the Germans reached the bank of the Yser near the sea. The attack followed a 24-hour bombardment in which the defenses in the dunes sector near the coast were leveled. The sector was isolated by destruction of bridges over the Yser.

British Raid Battlefleet in Turkish Waters

London, July 11.—An air raid on the enemy fleet off Constantinople was announced in a statement of the British war office today. Bombs were dropped on the Turkish cruiser Yuz Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben. The extent of the damage to the vessel is not given.

The war office at Constantinople also was attacked and a direct hit was attained by the British, who returned without casualties.

CHAIR FOR RAILROADER Jacob S. Ort was retired last week after thirty-two years of service in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. A leather chair was presented to him as a token of appreciation of his services.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Mill and Factory Specials For a Busy Morning Store Closes at Noon

Large advertisement grid for Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart featuring various goods like Fancy Satine, China at Half, Fruit Jar Caps, Aluminum Kettles, Coffee Pots, Silk Handkerchiefs, etc., with prices and store information.

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Second large advertisement grid for Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart featuring various goods like Georgette Crepe Waists, Lace Curtains, Notions, etc., with prices and store information.