

WIND AND SHOWER SPOIL LAST EVENT OF THE CARNIVAL

As Water Pageant Comes to an Untimely End, Rain Chases People Home

Marine Parade and Searchlight- Steam Combination Prove Enlivening Spectacles

Due to an unfavorable series of misfortunes, the final event of the West Pacific carnival, the water pageant and fireworks display, in the harbor last night was a disappointment to the great crowds which thronged to see it and to the promoters who worked hard and faithfully to stage it.

Not more than half the features intended, were given, and to add to discouragement of spectators and workmen, rain set in shortly after the marine parade ended; it sprinkled intermittently and gradually increased in force until shortly after ten o'clock the precipitation became a real downpour that drove the crowds from the levees and piers to the uptown streets and their homes.

The water carnival confidently was expected to prove a gorgeous, fitting culmination to an ideal week of gaiety, unmarred theretofore by weather conditions, and there is no doubt it would have been fully up to expectation had not ill luck made its appearance late in the afternoon.

Set Fire as Go Over

First came a wind from outside the harbor, whose onslaught tore away and dumped into the bay all save one of the many big set pieces so painstakingly prepared by W. K. Priestley and his co-workers. With these went a vast quantity of other paraphernalia, leaving only the rockets and star shells. Efforts were redoubled in the evening to get wires reset and the different pieces in place, but without avail. In justice to Mr. Priestley, who was responsible for the display, it was announced that the failure of so much of the affair was no fault of his. No one had worked harder to make the event perfect, the awe-inspiring, magnificent thing it had been advertised, than did he.

Water Event Good

As far as the water carnival went, it was praiseworthy, and the features of the early evening caused the highest anticipation in the thousands who filled every available foot of space on the piers along the front and house-tops about the city.

It opened promptly on time, the opening signal at eight o'clock, announcing the marine parade's approach. In this were perhaps fifty or sixty craft of every kind and size, ranging from the tiny outriggers and the youth on a surfboard to mammoth barges and the four submarines of the K-class. Strings of electric bulbs and strings and masses of brilliant red Japanese lanterns made of these vessels rare and ghostly shapes, from which incongruously issued gay noises of laughing merry-makers and the music of banjos, made melody and merriment wafted across the water from afar.

Throughout this feature, which continued for the better part of an hour the crowds gave unstinted and well-earned praise to the individual and assembled boats and craft.

Other Good Features

The best of the entertainment however, from the spectators' standpoint plainly was the combination of searchlights and steam, and searchlights and showers of miniature stars which were shot up to heaven to dim the real gems of the upper vaults. For it is to be remembered that until the very last hour the sky overhead and toward the west, which the people faced, the sky was quite clear and the heavens though dark were beautifully star-sprinkled.

From the searchlights, stationed near the American-Hawaiian wharves at the west end of the bay, huge shafts of brilliant color, of dark, rare rose, blue, yellow and purple shot up and over the heads of the watchers. Like bars of something more material than smoke or steam they swung to and fro, in fan shapes, then criss-cross, then blending to a combination of richness such as one sees rarely save in dreams.

Through a fan form of hosing steam clouds they played with effects the spectator could scarcely have believed possible had he not seen it. On the swirling streams of smoke led by star shells they played to bring forth rainbow hues more beautiful, if such were possible, than the rainbow itself.

Air Blossoming Hibiscus

Masses of the skyrocket, were given one color for a while, some few carried golden hibiscus in full bloom, with diamond star at the tip of each petal. Then there were the serpentine affairs, golden water serpents, smoke rockets, a rocket salvo of sixty shots and chromatic wheels and fairy feathers, the latter two presented again by the searchlight combination.

Just one set piece was given. It was Kamikaze the Great, in robes of fire, a spectacle worth going to see.

Prize Winners

The following prizes for the best features of the parade were awarded by the judges, A. G. M. Robertson, Tomoyuki Katsunuma and W. L. Whitney: Grand prize, a barge—K. J. Yacht. Haw ii, only one entered. Motor boats: First U. S. engine; second, miscelany. Floats: First, O. R. & L.; second, central house, float. Rowboats: First, Myrtle; second, Kaula. Canoes: First and second, Outrigger Club. Japanese lanterns: First, Tokai Mara, which was entered.

On the float of the custom house, which was a grand piece, the Royal Hawaiian band played. The float was a barge, having a flare deck built for the band, and four posts at the corners, from which lines of brilliant lanterns ran to a higher mast in the center. Most of the day inspectors were on the barge.