

FLASHES FROM EVERYWHERE

Austria, home of local traditional dress, held a costume festival near Salzburg; ~~a sign that the country is shaking off the effects of the war.~~ A thousand competitors came ~~to the festival~~ from all parts. ~~Most of the costumes have been in the same families for generations.~~

In the Volksgarten they held a display of old-time dancing. Evidently the old-timers didn't care how they looked so long as they enjoyed themselves.

(crowd) It was a glimpse back at the old carefree days when the world knew how to make merry.

Now for wrestling. The occupation army in Tokyo saw Jap heavyweights demonstrate the national sport, Sumo, which was thought to please the Gods centuries ago and has been known in Japan since before Christ. Here's what happens when beef meets beef.

The main bout. The ~~fighters~~^{upstarts} are on the heavy side, but mere shadows compared with what they were before the war rationed their nourishment. Tough customers if they once get hold of you.

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Costume Festivals in Wels

The costume Clubs of Upper Austria and Salzburg arranged a great rural costume festival.

Highlight of the arrangement was a procession which was attended by representatives from all Austria.

More than 1000 participants wore beautiful old costumes, many of them in possession of the same families for generations.

The women with the "Riegel Caps" displayed beautiful silk gowns in the style of the Middle Ages.

The procession ended in the "Volksgarten". The Wels costume Festival was brought to its conclusion with folk-dances, including the original "Watschen - dance."