

FLASHES

From London Bridge to Chelsea five watermen just out of apprenticeship competed for the Doggett's Coat and Badge, a testing race of 4-and-a-half miles. It's the oldest sporting event in England, instituted in 1715 by the actor Thomas Doggett to commemorate the accession of George I. Colin Williams of Deptford won as he liked in 29 minutes, by an impressive 25 lengths - considerably more than Cambridge usually do to Oxford. Among his congratulators was Harry Phelps, a former winner, *twice-km* ✓

A unique clock that goes by wtare has just completed 70 years of keeping time; perfect time in fact, though it looks like something thought up by a comic artist. It's at Pincio, Italy, and was built by a friar. He guessed that if the water-containers were the right size they'd work a pendulum as well as any spring.

Panama staged the Pan American Conference. Main interest on our side the Atlantic lay in the presence there of Mr. Eisenhower. Showing the strain of his recent illness the President was none the less in good form, and said he was feeling better every day. He was the most popular of the many presidents in the city as he went to sign the Pan American Declaration, in which all agreed that even the most important State is made for man, not man for the state, Cuba's colourful President Batista concurring. All were pleased to see President Eisenhower once again well enough to use his great influence *4 good.*

FASHION WORLD: ROME GIVES PARIS RUN FOR MONEY

(crowd) T gardens o t Egyptian Museum, Rome, held t stage on w t leading Italian couturiers showed their designs 4 nex autum 7 wintr. F t hous o Gattinoni, an evening dress of embroidered yelo chifn. Also f Gattinoni a draped white chifn evng frok. The Italian artistic sense aplid 2 dres design is makg Rome a V strong kpetitor o Paris. Eleonora Garnett's creatn, Notte Splendente (Glorious Moonlight) is breath-taking. 7 if a luvly womn, superbly gownd, s sugest Dracula, it mu B t one modlg⁷ a mastrly ensemble by Mingolini Gungenheim. ~~Lucky indeed, the woman w c nowadays aford 2 dress in Rome.~~