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“As told by the boys the object which they saw making its way slowly through the water had an immense head. Back of the head appeared a green body, which, they declared, was about six feet long. Back of this the body disappeared in the water, but about six feet farther back appeared about six feet more of body, The boys declared that the monster must have been forty feet long.

The description given by the boys was not an accurate one, as they did not stay on the pier long enough to get more than a glance at the serpent, but their description corresponds in a general way with two previous reports of a strange creature seen in the waters of the lake.

Several years ago two boys who were in a row boat near the Long Pier came rushing to the dock to tell of a serpent which in a general way resembled the one which the boys report seeing Saturday. Some time ago a woman coming down the lake in a boat also reported seeing a strange object in the water. The reports all come from about the same portion of the lake.

Old lakemen do not credit the stories but the positiveness of the parties each time and the manner in which they relate their experiences goes far in convincing many that the lake is really inhabited by a monster of some description or other.”

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