

FLASHES

In Algiers the sun is being tried out as a power-producer. A parabolic mirror 27 foot-six in diameter follows ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> path and reflects a concentrated heat of 50-kilowatt energy. So intensely hot is the focal point that it easily burnt its way through a sheet of metal. The mirror has been set up at the National Observatory as an experiment. If it works out the government will order ~~several~~ <sup>several</sup> of them.

At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and scores of others, the first babies of the new year are raising the roof, or just taking life quietly, wondering what it's all about, or perhaps hopelessly bored by the whole thing.... Yes, the world is rather dull at times, but cheer up, it'll soon be the milk break.

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The French Assembly <sup>approved</sup> ~~agreed~~ by a very narrow majority ~~on~~ German rearmament under the Paris Agreements. Though the Premier told them the rest of the world was puzzled by their long delays 260 delegates still voted against, nearly 100 abstained. It remains to be seen whether France will accept the verdict loyally, now that the Parliamentary battle is over/ for the time being. No statesman in the west has worked harder than M. Mendes France to strengthen the alliance against the eastern threat.

After anxious moments the Dutch coast stood up to the year's worst ~~storm~~ <sup>hurricane</sup>; shipping wasn't so fortunate. Ashore off Bergen, North Holland, lay the Katingo, a cargo-ship registered in Panama. ~~For some hours~~ <sup>9</sup> It looked as though she might break up. ~~After some failures~~ <sup>T</sup> the rescue service got a line across and a salvage officer went ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> to see ~~what~~ the captain thought ~~about~~ <sup>3rd B</sup> refloating ~~the~~ ~~possibilities~~.

Latest information is that she is still aground, with the skipper and five men on board. Katingo was steaming from Rotterdam, Hamburg bound, when she went aground.