Good Evening, Everybody: -

main center of curiosity takes is a familiar object, the sun, "Of this great world both eye and soul" and old friend Milton once remarked. Old Sol, if we may be so familiar, has spots on his face like a scrafulous office boy. In fact if you gaze at him through smoked glasses you will see that he looks as though he has a bad attack of the measles.

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that gives us light and heat are gigantic solar tornados, twenty
of them. Each of them is thousands of miles in diameter.
whirling madly through and incandescent gases which compose
the sun. It is due to them, some people believe that we've
been having such freakish weather this ammer. From each of those
solar tornados comes a stream of electrons which beat through
the atmosphere that surrounds this earth, produce magnetic
disturbances, static, and other troubles. Indeed there are

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human behaviour. But should add that there's a strong and caustic skeptical wing in the astronomical world which scoffs raucously at such a notion. Rux Be that as it may, the last time our friend the sun broke out with those blotches on his complexion was 1928. That, if you will remember, was the year when so many of went wackey over speculation, when thirty-dollar-a-week clerks were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars -- on paper, when so many of a western farm.

And what's happening in this year of Grace, while those tweety twenty tornados rage through the sun's middle?

The weather, it has been observed, has been freaky. But its freaks have been trifling compared to those of human behaviour.

East and West there are wars and rumours of wars. The Spanish Civil Wx conflict grows madder than ever, the cannons and

airplane bombs roar louder in the Far East. A new kidnapping and a turbulant strike ix are part of the day's news. Meanwhile in Rhode Island-waters two multimillionaires in toy ships that have cost half a million apiece, contend frantically for as silver mug that isn't worth a hundred dollars.

Those sun spots are visible in Japan. and the news from Asia has a goofy ring to it. For the Japanese started today to denationalize the Chinese; took measures to eradicate all symptoms and symbols of the Chinese Nationalist Movement.

Their explanation is that they are eliminating Communism as provided in the terms of the treaty between the Mikado and Herr Hitler.

The measures they are taking to this end are sweeping.

In all territory occupied by the Mikado's troops, the Chinese
National flag is now forbidden. The inhabitants are commanded
to fly the Rising Sun Flag of Dai Nippon. Places of business,
homes, everything, must carry that standard. And it is now
forbidden in North China to possess a photograph of Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-Shek or of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the founder of the Chinese
Republic. All the branches and centers of the Nationalist
Movement, of which Madame Chiang Kai-Shek is leader, were
seized by the Nipponese and closed. All Nationalist books,
pamphlets, badges and photographs were ceremoniously burned.

In short, twenty-five million Chinese in those northern provinces are definitely to become Japanified. This sounds not only tragic but comic, in one sense. For historians have told us that it has been the invariable rule throught the centuries that, though China has known many conquerors, the conquerors have always in the end become Chinified.

The Japanese announced today they have complete control of the rich metal bearing province of Ho-Pay. Of actual hostilities ther's nothing much to say today. Both Feiping and Tientsin are now under martial law, with Japanese officers commanding the police forces. South of the ancient capital the Chinese army is believed to have dug itself in, waiting for the advance of the Mikado's battalions. But the apanese high command claims that aerial bombardments have smashed the Chinese lines and cleared the way for any Nipponese advance southward, /And from Tokyo we learn that the War Office expects to use no fewer than two hundred thousand effective soldiers on the mainland in this campaign.

We've heard a great deal about the invincibility of Japan and the military weakness of China. One person who ought to know says it just isn't so. China, she says, is unconquerable. That's the gist of an article by Madame Sun. Yat Sen, widow of the Chinese Nationalist hero. In the forthcoming issue of the Forum she writes that China can resist any Japanese aggression. Japan, she declares, is a mere paper tiger. And she concludes that Japanese aggression and Japanese methods cannot hold out in the long run against China, so vast, so rich, so populous. For a day or two it looked as though the Japanese high command were deliberately trying to provoke Russia dam and challenge Soviet intervention. The wrecking of the Bolshevik Consulate General, and other episodes, excited furious threats in Russian newspapers. Such provocation of the Soviet power was baffling, as it seemed highly unlikely that Japan would want to tackle both China and Russia. However, that was explained on the ground that if Russia were

Mussolini would jump in on Hitler's side. However, this was contradicted by a report from London today that Hitler had declined an offensive and defensive alliance with the Duce.

Today the Russian agitation against Japan seemed to the dying down.

Again the Spanish Rebels are hammering at the Government lines. And in two parts of the peninsula Franco's forces have been victorious. That's the report not from insurgent for sources but from neutral territory. West of Madrid General Miaja's battalions were forced back. And in Ter-00-X1 Teruel an insurgent army under the fm command of General Franco himself is battling its way towards Cuenca, the provincial capital. Two Government battalions are said to have been surrounded and on the verge of mankix annihilation. Mranyhile Rebel divisions in the Southeast are pushing closer, a threat to the Government line of communication between Madrid and Valencia.

In the face of all this there's been another reorganization of the Government army. The defense of the Republican regime has been placed under the command of a Munta. which the Spanish spell juntar. Upon this will devolve the rule of markers Spain. And by way of a bid for popularity the Government declared has personnel a rent moratorium for all farmers in territory still under Government control.

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Late this afternoon we heard of a second airplane crash in the neighborhood of Panama, while Uncle Sam's destroyers and submarines were combing the waters of the Mosquito Gulf looking for survivors from the disaster to the Pan American aifliner. An army plane came to grief, on the Pacific side of Panama. An officer and five men of the air corps were aboard a Bellanca. They bailed out, jumped with parachutes. first reports had them all saved. Later rumors are two missing.

Two submarines that had been searching the Mosquito Gulf came back toport with more wreckage from that hapless airliner: two bundles of mail soaked with water; part of a wing; an engine casing; life preservers, and a raft. Found floating west of Cristobal. But not a sign of the eleven passengers or the crew.

Tonight in Philadelphia the word is -- the strike's over
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The truck drivers have gone back.

Yesterday there was violence and turbulance in he streets, trucks overturned by mobs, some of them burned, and taxicabs knowked over while rioters set them afire.

Today tons of perishable food were rotting in Philadelphia's warehouses. If the situation hadn't been relieved, there would have been danger of a food famine.

The employees at the warehouses went out this afternoon in a strike of sympathy with the truck drivers.

out the promise he made over the radio last night when he said
that if the strike were not settled he would take strong measures
This he did -- proclaimed a state of emergency, swore in thousands of extra police, forbade all public gatherings and placed
police guards on trucks carrying food. The Mayor laid particular
emphasis on guarding the trucks of owners and companies who have
contracts with the Truck Drivers Union, contracts which the

Union in its sympathy strike is accused of breaking. It all began with the strikers of the A. & P. But now no fewer than twenty-six thousand truck drivers are out most of them in sympathy. Philadelpnia's Mayor had a force of six thousand police, fifteen hundred motor cars, each carrying four men on a peace patrol of the entire city.

The sympathy walkout of warehouse employees today added four thousand to the list. But now -- the strike's over. That general walkout of the truckmen.

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weirdest stories of the month. The first thing we heard was that little Donald Horst, a lad of two and a half years had been snatched from his wealthy parents; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Horst. The next angle of the story was that the kidnappers had demanded five thousand dollars ransom. While the police were investigating that, the Chicago prosecutors office received a telephone call and a man's voice said: "The boy is in the possession of his rightful parents."

Later young Donald was handed over to the Chicago authorities until the tangle could be straightened out. It developed that the youngster had been taken by Mr. and Mrs. John Regan, of Chicago, who claim him as their child. When he was born they say the attending physician persuaded the mother to let him be adopted by a rich childless couple who would give him the best of care and upbringing.

Late this afternoon Mrs. Norst admitted that Donald was not her baby. So now the boy is in the nads of the law and it

will be up to the courts to decide which couple he shall live with: - His own father and mother or the rich family that has given him a home for nearly all the thirty months of his young life.

The international yacht race comedy continues. With each succeeding act the story of racing grows more monotonous. To be sure the English knum challenger gave a better performance today. Endeavour the Second"crossed the finishing line only four minutes behind wine Vanderbilt's "Ranger". That makes the score three to want nothing and the excitement, were about the same.

Sopwith claimer that his rex defeat on Monday we caused by a lobster pot aroused laughter even in England. An English paper published the rude comment that what the pot which England expected him to capture as not a lobster trap but the America's Cup.

And there were chuckles after "Endeavour the Second" was hauled out of the water and no trace of a lobster pot or any other impediment could be found clinging to her hull.

The most sporting actor in this comedy from all accounts appears to be the British skipper's wife, Mrs. Sopwith. "Nobody minds being beaten by a better boat," she said. "Ranger went like a train." And then she said further, "We are not a bit unhappy about it. It would be a poor sport who wouldn't say to the victor, 'Jolly good luck to you.'"

Down at Tampa, Florida, there's a young lady who's celebrating her birthday, her one-hundred-and-tenth. Grandma Weeks, as she is known all over Florida, came in from the farm, where she lives alone and likes it, for a slice of watermelon and an icecream cone. Skeptical people have bail that people who live to such a ripe old age were usually born in places where there were no vital statistics and where consequent there is no way of proving how old they actually are or are not. But the longevity of Grandma Weeks, whose first name is Martha, is quiteautentic. It's written in the family Bible. She was born August 4, 1827, when John Quincy Adams was President of the United States. Her birthplace was St. Augustine, Florida, which made her an American by a margin of six years, since it was only in 1821 that John Quincy Adams, before he became President, negotiated the Treaty with Spain, that made Florida a part of the United States. So Mrs. Weeks has lived through the regimes of twenty-seven Presidents, which sounds like a record.

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Grandma school achieved national celebrity a few months ago when she received one of the first pension checks under the Social Security Act. The first thing she bought with her pension was a new corncob pipe. In quite another respect she differs from other Centenarians. Most of them have their own recipes for a long life. Some of them attribute it to drinking no with alcohol, a few say it's because they drink nothing else. Grandma Weeks, who has so many great-grandchildren that she's lost count, has no prescription to offer your way to hundred-and-ten. Quid a long live to be

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