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## Sifting the Sense From the Nonsense

THE President's aircraft inquiry is getting along fine.

Plenty of witnesses and just as many opinions on how to run the national defense. What one says the next one denies.

But don't be discouraged. All this is perfectly natural. Ask 100 railway men how to run a railroad, or 100 women how to bake a cake, and you will get, in either case, just about 100 different answers.

The fundamentals of railroading or cake-baking, however, are well known. So are the fundamentals of national defense. Thus when it comes to listening to the various schemes for practicing any of these arts, plain common sense must rule.

A few years ago, with the gyroscope, a man came forward with a mono-rail railway which, it was claimed, would completely revolutionize railroading and reduce transportation costs to a minimum. But our hard-headed railway magnates did not scrap their two-rail lines because of the discovery. Common sense told them to wait until the one-rail idea had become dependable before they threw away something already proved.

Similarly you would not use all flour to make a cake. Nor all eggs. Nor all sugar. You might try a new combination of these and other ingredients, using more of some than of others, but you would stick to the generally accepted idea, at least, of cake baking.

We must stick to the fundamentals of national defense in just the same way. Today we are hearing a lot about floating navies becoming obsolete. Some so-called experts are advocating scrapping ours, despite the fact that not one great power on earth has done anything of the kind with theirs, nor have we heard of any such country contemplating such a move.

The President's special air board seems to have plenty of common sense. They are going to need it before they are through sifting the sense from the nonsense.

Still and all there is really nothing difficult about determining the kind of national defense we need. It must, of course, be well balanced and capable of functioning on land or sea, or in the air or under the water anywhere at any time regardless of wind or weather.

Which means that we need aircraft and plenty of the best, a bang-up army capable of rapid expansion and a navy of the kind approved by the best minds of the most powerful seafaring nations the world over.

EVIDENTLY Houdini, who is exposing fake spiritualists, believes with the poet that things are not what they seem.

GO TO the dairy show and learn something about the history of milk before it appears in the front steps in bottles.

WHAT are they going to do when they have questioned all the eligible citizens of Hamilton County in attempting to obtain a jury to try Stephenson?

JACKSON Expects Tax Reduction Next Year—Headline. They also say that there is a pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow.

## ASK THE TIMES

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What are the full names of following: Gen. George H. Thomas, Admiral William T. Sampson, Gen. John J. Pershing?

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What countries are passports for travel not required of American citizens?

Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica (when the person is a tourist or winter visitor); Newfoundland, the Republic of Panama, Paraguay (the countries through which one must pass in order to reach Paraguay, however, require passports). Passports are not required for direct travel from the United States to Mexico, they are however, required of Americans who enter Mexico via a third country.

What is the best method of removing wagon or automobile grease from clothing?

Soften the grease stain with lard or oil and then wash the article in good soap and water. This should remove the stain if not left too long before trying to remove it.

Has Professor Goddard cancelled his trip to the moon in his moon rocket?

Professor Robert H. Goddard of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., is still continuing his experiments in a rocket which may be propelled outside the predominating gravita-

tion of the earth. The present efforts, however, are merely to perfect a small rocket which may be used to explore the upper atmosphere of the earth and it will be many years probably before any effort is made to construct a rocket capable of being shot outside the gravitational field of the earth and into the moon. Professor Goddard has never had any idea of this rocket carrying a man, but a number of adventurous persons have written him from time to time offering to ride in the rocket, if and when it is constructed.

Is there anything that can be put in plaster of paris to keep it from setting too fast?

Try adding a small amount of glue to the water used in mixing the plaster of Paris. A few trial mixes may have to be made to determine just what proportion of glue and water are best suited for the purpose for which it is to be used.

What cities have been used as the capital of the United States?

Before the Constitution made provision for a capital, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Lancaster, York, Princeton, Annapolis, Trenton and New York were meeting places of Congress. In 1783 a site was selected near the falls of the Delaware, but the plan was not carried out. Washington became the capital in 1800.

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A Thought

I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them.—Heb. 10:16.

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