

**How To Make Progress**  
"England, with all her mistakes and follies," says an editorial in the Macon Daily Telegraph "has a greater genius for repentance and for brave acknowledgment of mistakes than any other modern nation. This power of Englishmen to see and acknowledge their mistakes and to try to correct them is one of the most hopeful signs of modern history."

What goes for a nation in this respect, goes for an individual. The gentleman who first circulated the exultant statement that consistency was a jewel was applauding his own stubbornness. He felt the need of popularizing his inability to change his befuddled mind. The New England essayist who called foolish consistency a hobgoblin spoke a much shrewder line. The politician who thinks "being consistent" is more admirable than seeing the truth is the one who stays at home when he wants to go to Congress. The doctor who thinks "being consistent" is better than recognizing the manifestation of a new symptom in his patient, befriends the undertaker more than the sufferer.

"Because of this rare capacity to see straight about herself," says the Telegraph, "England has been able to recognize the virtue and the strength of the positions of those who differed from her." That, too, applies to the individual. There is no sadder sight than the man who runs his head against the stone wall of his conviction that he is always right and the other man always wrong. Get into that mental habit, and your chance of success reduces itself to a far, faint and vanishing point.

The way England has made progress and kept herself on top is the way the American of today can accomplish the same ends. The recipe for success is plain as day: keep your curiosity alive, flood your mind with new facts, perceive that changing conditions make new adjustments necessary. The man who never changes his mind seldom improves his lot. The "brave acknowledgment of mistakes" is proof of a great capacity for self-improvement.

**More About Dr. Abrams**  
In connection with the Citizen's criticism of the Rockefeller Institute for alleged refusal to investigate the methods of diagnosis developed by Dr. Albert Abrams, a letter published in a recent issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association presents testimony which should also be given its day in court.

In 1917 Dr. Hyman and Dr. Reed of San Francisco, one the editor of The California State Journal of Medicine, the other a member of the State Medical Society's Publication Committee, state that they proposed to Dr. Abrams a clinical inquiry into the results of his blood tests. Two hundred patients were to be submitted to the investigation under conditions which, to a layman, seem fair. Dr. Hyman and Dr. Reed say that Dr. Abrams "refused flatfootedly in any way to co-operate in such an investigation."

According to an editorial in The American Journal, Dr. Abrams claims not only to diagnose from a drop of blood, but by means of his "electronic reactions," but that he can substitute the autograph of men dead these many decades and determine whether they suffered from a given disease! This sounds as weird as anything in spiritualism. By such methods Dr. Abrams is represented as deriving "the reaction of dipsonamia" from Edgar Poe's autograph.

This latter discovery should be of particular interest to Henry Ford in his efforts to overcome weakness for alcoholic beverages among his employes; it should also be a valuable instrument in the hands of the officials charged with enforcement of the prohibition laws. Not even a solitary dipsomaniac could escape detection with such experts in chirography on their trail as Dr. Abrams is said to be. Therefore it would seem that the Department of Justice would be justified in compelling Dr. Abrams to submit to investigation, the Government's intervention being warranted under the welfare clauses of the Constitution.

The only point The Citizen wished to make with regard to these medical disputations is that, if Dr. Abrams has any discoveries, real or imaginary, which he desires to be sifted by science, he should be accommodated.

**Mrs. Felton, Senator**  
So many Georgia men are ambitious to wear the toga of the late Senator Watson that no woman will be more than his temporary successor. Nevertheless it is a remarkable tribute to the acceptance of woman as a political factor in the United States that Mrs. W. H. Felton is appointed by Governor Hardwick as a Georgia Senator until the elections shall have settled the rivalry among the masculine aspirants.

This honor to Mrs. Felton, conferred by conservative Southern Democrats, is not only a deserved recognition to a capable and public-spirited woman, but it will be encouragement to all women in the South to take that part in politics which is both a duty and a privilege. Mrs. Felton is the first woman in the country to have her name recorded in the membership of this great deliberative assembly, but the fact that a woman has been thus selected so soon after woman suffrage was adopted is evidence enough that she will not be the last.

One trouble with the world is that so many statesmen are men of action only on the golf course

**Bankers Tired Of Aloofness**  
The trend of American sentiment toward larger participation of the United States in the affairs of Europe is now unmistakably evidenced by a body of American business men whose testimony cannot be pooh-poohed. When the American Bankers' Association speaks out for a policy, no supporter of things as they are will say that sentiment has detracted common sense, that idealism is soaring as usual far above the solid earth where stubborn facts must be met and dealt with.

When Thomas W. Lamont suggested that this country must, for its own sake and the sake of the world, be less selfish in its European policy, ten thousand delegates cheered the proposition. Mr. Lamont's proposal was supported by President McAdams of the Bankers' Association, Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador to France, and other men of national influence.

Where could be found a body of men better qualified to express judgment on the foreign policies of the present Administration? Others may speculate on the general economic effects of aloofness, but the bankers either know what the matter with business or there is no trustworthy way by which the country can find out.

There was no suggestion of American political action in Europe. Mr. Lamont was discussing financial co-operation, but the bankers recognize that America's economic relationship to the Old World inevitably carries with it direct or indirect power to affect the politics of the nations. The bankers are not giving indorsement to any super-government by the United States over Europe, but they brand American selfishness as bad business, to say the least of it, for America and for the world.

**Militarism Not Dead**  
Compulsory military service is re-established in Russia; all male citizens between the ages of twenty and forty are liable to service. The Baltic fleet is holding its first maneuvers since the Russian revolution.

It should be said that the conscription plan has been under consideration for months and is not to be taken as Russia's reaction to near-war conditions in the region of Constantinople. Likewise it may be mentioned that no one need be alarmed over the size or effectiveness of the present Russian fleet. But nevertheless the world has noticed that the Russian bear must still be reckoned with whenever statesmen take counsel with regard to the peace of the world.

Russia has lately been telling the Allies that the Near Eastern questions will not be settled permanently if the Russian interest in them is disregarded. For decades Russia has cast longing eyes towards Constantinople. The prize has been almost within her grasp to be taken away from her by the powers now seeking to readjust a lost balance of power.

Russia, with swarming millions that are fine material for a military machine; Turkey flushed with military success; Greece smarting under prospective loss of territory she claims as part of the homeland; Germany, keen for revenge; France, Italy and England divided; America isolated—here are the ingredients for another explosion of war. And what are the nations doing to keep sparks from falling into these powder magazines?

The Avery Creek fair in many respects makes a new record for such events in Buncombe, it auspiciously opens the fair season. The people of that section have worked with diligence to achieve excellence and they deserve the satisfaction that was theirs when on Tuesday they heard the praise of agricultural experts and laymen. These township exhibitions of what can be done in farming and in household arts are promoters of worthy ambition; they serve also to bring the various sections of the county closer together socially and commercially.

There begin to be evidences that the Republicans, having built that high tariff wall, hate to stand on it for Democrats to shoot at.

**The Scissors Route**  
STAY-AT-HOME GHOSTS ARISE.

Every time some fellows get into the limelight their stay-at-home war record bobs up—Des Moines (Iowa) Register.

**LYRICS OF LIFE**  
(By Douglas Malloch)

You Just Begin To Get Acquainted  
I've been down east and had a visit, and met a lot of dandy folks! Life isn't such a burden, is it? We have our picnics; have our jokes, We have our little get-togethers—and now and then a friend you strike Without no special fuss or feathers, just sort of accident-like, some woman sauntered— but here's the thing I take to heart; You just begin to get acquainted about the time you have to part.

And, home again, we have our neighbors, whatever road we ever took, Companions of our daily labors I guess we kind of overlook, Yes, folks are all around to aid us, are near to you, are near to me, Who mightily happy might have made us, if we was only neighborly.

Life isn't as bad as often painted—but, folks, you ought to make a start, Or else you just will get acquainted about the time you have to part.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF A CONFERENCE**

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The Turkish ultimatum under discussion were of a general nature and had no immediate connection with the attitude which the Greeks might assume.

At today's meeting the ultimatum issued for a settlement of the Turkish administrative matters was discussed and it was decided that there should be an allied covering force on the Maritza river and that a neutral force should be placed in Thrace beyond which the Greek troops would be withdrawn.

The Turks at first showed apathy with regard to the details of evacuation and to transfer the administration to the Turks, the plans of which would be submitted to the powers; third, to leave the way for a future peace conference.

Ismet Pasha declared definitely that the note had been accepted in principle by the Ankara Government, and that therefore the best way to consider administrative arrangements without delay. General Charpy thereupon drafted a proposal on which the discussion began.

The Smyrna correspondent of the Oriental News Bureau, an official agency of the British Government, published a dispatch from Modria saying that, according to official information obtained during Tuesday's conference, General Harrington, chief of the British mission, had been in the city since the beginning of the evacuation of the Straits and the concentration of Turkish troops in the region of the Straits and the concentration of Turkish troops in the region of the Straits and the concentration of Turkish troops in the region of the Straits.

**Bryant to Continue In Charge Citizen's Washington Bureau**

H. E. C. "Red Buck" Bryant, who is in charge of The Asheville Citizen News Bureau in Washington, D. C., has been re-elected to continue in charge of the New York World for a number of years, has gone with the New York Herald and will be attached to the Washington Bureau of the Herald. This change in Mr. Bryant's connection with the metropolitan dailies will not affect The Citizen's Washington Bureau.

In making known his decision to go to the New York Herald, Mr. Bryant writes: "The best news-story writer I have known in the city of New York is C. M. Lincoln, now managing editor of the New York Herald. Mr. Lincoln has with the New York World for years and has served under it for all two years ago when he went to The Herald. Recently he asked me to join his staff here and I did so today. My change does not interfere with my North Carolina work."

Mr. Bryant went on the staff of The World at Washington in 1916 and since that time he has been in the capital has represented North Carolina newspapers and has a large number of friends among his readers.

His long record with The World and with The Asheville Citizen and Charlotte Observer is marked by a desire to gather information of benefit to the public and he has at all times had the interests of his native state, North Carolina, at heart and sought to promote them.

**ROBERTS SPEAKS TO MEMBERS OF CLUB**

Mayor Gallatin Roberts was the speaker at the first meeting of the Men's Club of All Souls' Church for the season, held last night at 6:30 o'clock with dinner served by ladies of the parish. Mayor Roberts made an excellent talk on civic pride and was well received by those present.

Short after-dinner talks were made by Kingsland Van Winkle, Ken. Father Hall, Dr. J. P. McCall, Mayor Julian Kitchin, of Biltmore, F. J. Conroy, Charles E. Waddell and Chaplain Lobell of Grace.

At least 40 members and guests were present and it was announced that the next meeting will be held in November. Dr. LaBruce Ward, president of the club, presided and introduced the speakers.

**American Destroyer Is Reported to Be Bombed by Turks**  
LONDON, Oct. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Reuter's has received the following from a semi-official source in Athens: "According to newspapers an American destroyer engaged in evacuating refugees at Aivros was bombed by the Turks. (Aivros is on the Asia Minor coast north of Smyrna, opposite Mytilene.)"

**ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS IN VICINITY OF WAYNESVILLE**

**Mrs. J. Matt Smith, of Canton, Fatally Injured and Husband Seriously—Miss Irene Howell, of Waynesville, Suffers Severe Injuries and Companions Slightly Hurt—Four Accidents.**

At the Waynesville hospital, Mr. Farmer escaped uninjured, with the exception of slight bruises. The third accident occurred when a light automobile left the road over an embankment, near the town of Waynesville, carrying without injuries and the fourth a head-on collision between two automobiles at Bryson City, one of the cars being driven by Frank Moody, of Franklin, and passengers escaped with slight bruises after being severely shocked.

Mrs. Smith, following the accident, was rushed to Bryson City, but died before reaching that city. Her husband was later carried to Asheville, where it is said he suffered injuries to his chest, the loss of several teeth, cuts and bruises. He is at the Meriwether Hospital. Mrs. Smith is survived by three daughters and three sons, Mrs. Lloyd Jarrett, of Biltmore; Mrs. Ed Williams, of Canton, Mrs. J. R. Long, of Bryson City and C. E. and W. H. Smith, of Canton. The latter was in Atlanta at the time of the accident and was notified and is on his way home.

She is a sister of Mrs. John B. Ennsley, of Sylva, wife of John B. Ennsley, member of the Legislature from Jackson County. Her body is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Long at Bryson City and funeral services will be held Friday at Canton, where interment will be made.

**INVESTIGATION OF RAIL RATES IS OPENED HERE TO STUDY CASE**

**Probability Is That Of Eight Condemned to Die Only Three Are Convicted of Murder.**

Probable held at the session today preceding adjournment. H. J. Wagner, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, is conducting the examination of witnesses. Interstate Commerce Commission Eastern division will return to Washington following adjournment, but will return to Asheville in time for the investigation to convene after the recess.

F. Patterson, of the Alabama Corporation Commission, and James A. Perry, of the Georgia Commission, will probably arrive in time to take part in the hearings when they are held.

**ALLPORT DEFENDANT IN DAMAGE CASE**

Homer J. Cathey brings suit against J. H. Allport for Commission Alleged Due. Homer J. Cathey filed suit in the Superior Court yesterday against J. H. Allport seeking to recover \$21,225 which the plaintiff alleges is due according to the terms of a contract entered into October 15, 1919.

The plaintiff sets forth that a contract was made whereby the defendant was to pay to the plaintiff a certain percentage of the profits derived from construction work engaged in by the defendant, and presents a statement in the complaint purporting to show the amount of profit received from various jobs. This section of the complaint alleges that \$36,000 was the profit on a road contract in Madison County obtained through the State Highway Commission; \$6,000 was the profit on the "Hominy job"; that \$10,000 was the profit on a contract secured from the Highway Commission in Avery County; and enumerates a number of construction jobs on which it is alleged certain profits were made and that according to the terms of the contract the plaintiff is due commissions.

It is set forth that the plaintiff acted as general superintendent and manager for the defendant from the date the contract was made until the construction work under the name of the Southern Dry Company and Allport Construction Company, until February 12, 1922, at which time the defendant made a demand for settlement and accounting for money due with a view to the plaintiff's refusal to grant the demand.

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**MCDOWELL COUNTY FAIR HAS MANY UNIQUE FEATURES TO SHOW VISITORS NEXT WEEK**

The ladies of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches will be just as active in making every angle of the fair complete in all of its parts. Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt will give a luncheon for Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. D. F. Giles, president of the club, will be toastmaster, and Mrs. T. W. Bickett of Raleigh will respond. The City of Marion will be decorated and everybody in the city and county will be interested in making their own county fair a success.

**RESEARCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Major General Harbord Deputy Chief of Staff Addresses Gathering.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Seven holders of "The firm of Uncle Sam Limited," were called upon today by Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff of the army, to come to the rescue of the old life insurance business the army has conducted successfully for 10 years. The officer was speaking at the first convention of the Researce officers' association, which is now in session here, and told his hearers that as stockholders of the "national firm" those holders of "The firm of Uncle Sam Limited" were to be considered as the "capital" of the army, and were to be held responsible for the shape of adequate appropriations.

General Harbord pitched his remarks wholly in the language of the commercial world, saying he did so because the citizen officers to whom he spoke were business and professional men "carrying on a business in addition to their military duties." He said the directors of a great holding company controlling the destinies of other government industries, including the army, were to be held responsible for the shape of adequate appropriations.

General Harbord said "when wildcat schemes of socialism and 'liberalism' would seek to impair the power of the firm of Uncle Sam, the country and when a 'mutual benefit' substitute called 'disarmament' presented as a panacea for every national ailment from capitalism to communism, would be offered against the firm's line of rational insurance.

**MERCHANTS TO WORK TO GET CONVENTION**

**AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**  
Business of Importance Handled by Association Directors at Regular Session.

Directors of the Merchants Association were requested last night by Dr. C. V. Reynolds to aid in securing the annual convention of the American Public Health Association in Asheville at least 2,000 public health officers and experts interested in this work. The association voted unanimous support to aid in bringing the organization to Asheville.

Numerous business matters of importance were handled at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization, with the following present: Curtis Bryson, W. M. Smathers, M. A. Erskine, Archibald Nichols, Robert Hoffman, H. J. Olive, Holmes Bryson and J. A. Givie.

It was decided to hold the "Pay Up" week campaign during the week of November 6 and plan to be launched to have a general clean-up of all outstanding accounts.

Support was pledged to the Biennial convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs, following the request of Mrs. O. C. Hamilton, who was present at the meeting.

Archibald Nichols, one of the charter members of the Merchants Association, who has been interested in obtaining a new hotel for Asheville and has aided in every step of the organization of the Citizens' Hotel Corporation, was given an ovation by the directors for his interest in this work. Mr. Nichols is one of the pioneers in the move for a new hotel for the city.

**'WELCOME STRANGER' IS HIGHLY AMUSING**

George Sidney Proves Himself to Be an Outstanding Performer Tuesday Evening.

Entertainment of the best kind about town in "Welcome Stranger" with George Sidney starring, which played last night at the City Auditorium. It appears there is just enough fun to keep the audience in a humorous mood and just enough seriousness to carry the play along to a bewildering and unexpected climax.

George Sidney, star of "Blitz It," is the Israeliite, who sells the electric lights, but he does not make himself objectionable to anyone who assumes these roles because he does not exaggerate. He seems to take the part with much ease; his wit is new, unique and a class all by itself. It is the funniest star.

"No joke with whiskers, nothing suggestive, is spoken during the entire course of the play. Aside from Mr. Sidney being the predominant attraction, it can be added that the members of the cast all assume their roles remarkably well.

**JEFFRESS COMPANY HOLDS TWO SALES**

Two auction sales were promoted yesterday by the C. J. Jeffress Realty Company and property on Biltmore Avenue, fronting 100 feet, was sold to J. C. Silkeathen, R. S. King and T. E. Horstet for approximately \$7,000. A farm at Buena Vista was sold in the afternoon for \$5,000 and bidding was lively.

**Some of The Citizen's Ambitions For Asheville and Western North Carolina:**

1. A hard-surfaced highway from Asheville to the county-seat of every county adjoining Buncombe.
2. Hard-surfaced highways connecting the capitals of all mountain counties.
3. More tourist hotels in this whole mountain region AND ANOTHER COMMERCIAL HOTEL FOR ASHEVILLE.
4. Establishment of additional Summer Camp Schools.
5. Increased use of the forests for recreation and sport.
6. A central park with a system of smaller parks.
7. A college in Asheville built upon foundations broad enough to support a great university.
8. A greater Summer School, with curriculum arranged to give vocational training in arts and industries.

**A Noble Massacre**

There is balm again in Gilead! A few days ago, throwing wide the sluice-gates of our contempt, we ananadverted with glee and jibe upon the "language snobs," those pathetic pretenders who strive to hide their lack of culture behind a smokescreen of foreign plurals and phrases; in brief, such dolts and hoodnabs as say "ignorant" for "ignoramus" and "formulae" for "formulas." Since then their unlearned ranks have been acceptably, not to say delightfully, thinned, shelled and decimated. A noble and high-minded massacre has been committed without mercy but with incomparable discrimination to the everlasting honor and glory of good English and intelligent expression.

Assembled in convention in the city of St. Louis the National Stewards' Association has voted to eliminate French and other foreign words from restaurant bills of fare. According to this far-reaching decision of the cooks and servitors, "beef and gravy" is no longer to be nicknamed "rosbif au jus"; the bracing "small cup of black coffee" is to come from behind its disguise of "cafe noir en demitasse," and the grand old "hash" shall never again be labeled "Hungarian goulash." Above the clatter of a thousand kitchens and through the hubbub of tinkling silver and clashing china in ten thousand diningrooms, pure and resounding English will make known the wishes of the consumers of food.

Thus are the "language snobs" nobly massacred and estimably decimated. It was from the outbursts of the cooks and the italics of the bills of fare that many of them, while satisfying their appetites, filled their minds with high-sounding stores of foreign phrases, later to sprinkle them, like a sauce for comprehension, through the devious channels of their conversation. But, now that the lore of the larder can no longer be paraded as the learning of linguists, "language anobbery" will dwindle and fade. Much of its supply is cut off at the source. The remainder of it consists of remembered bits of childish struggles with Greek roots and French verbs, obviously a slender volume. The cooks and stewards have made a killing.

If the Republicans don't soon find out what's going on in politics they'll soon find that they are what's going out of politics.

The Administration is having a hard time pretending that the Near East is far.

It is now apparent that not even the war could make the world safe for Republicanism.

Buncombe's community fair season promises a fairer day coming for the farmer.

Some men go broke trying to make an even break.

The right of criticism often includes the criticism of right.