Other Papers' Opinions

Silly to Worry Over Canada's Status. (Montreal Star.)

The status of our Canadian delegates to Genoa is causing perturbation to that class of mind which thinks that the position and prestige of a nation depends upon words and not deeds. This same class of mind was cast into the deepest gloom last against the profanation of good mu- days with Mr. and Mrs. Lauchie Mc- follows: did not go to Washington on precisely the same written terms as he had previously gone to Paris. Yet it was the same man and the same nation behind him; and it is notorious that he exercised at least as much inflube spared the necessity of plagiar- man, spent one day last week with ence in the one case as he did in the ism. But at least a suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mountain. other. If there was any difference, Sir Robert counted for more Washington.

"recognition" of Canada's "status" by or those whose works are not copy- for the coming summer to Mr. Munthe politicians who happen at any righted and whose admirers seem ro, of near Williamsford. time to be in office in London, really need not worry. They can get any will come when the public will re- here attended the presentation given of Ontario, 1914, for use of this verbal formula they may chance to buke the plagiarists for their shame- Mr. and Mrs. George Noble. fancy if they will only go over to ful thefts, even though they do not Sorry to report Mrs. Archie Mc-London and ask for it. No British carry their brazen audacity to the Kechnie being on the sick list, but public man would be foolish enough point of jazzing hymns. to refuse inquiring Canadians the cheap comfort of words. In a sentence, he would let us write our own prescription.

Canada will have precisely as much influence within the councils is Professor Cassell's description of of the Empire and upon the forces the sale of German marks for reparthat govern international affairs, as ations payments. The Swedish she has strength to contribute to the economist does not impute the crime pushing of her opinions. It does to any particular nation. The Gernot make so very much difference man Government can only raise what our delegates are called or money to pay each instalment of the what is engrossed on their certifi- indemnity by issuing more paper cates of membership, but it makes marks and selling more mark securall the difference in the world how ities abroad. "In other words," Promuch weight-financial, economical fessor Cassell says, "foreign investand, if necessary, military-there is ors, largely in North and South Ambehind what they say.

contributed more to raising and es- they are buying investments. tablishing the status of Canada than | The same opinion is expressed by tus," though some of them may not Professor Cassell as a swindle: know the meaning of the word. It is not what we get a complacent Churchill or a cajoling Lloyd George to say about us-it is what we are.

We talk glibly about sharing in the councils of the Empire. There are certain questions on which we know more than most British statesmen-say, American psychology, for example,—and on these questions we should be listened to with attention. But British statesmen are human, like other people; and are at least as much inclined as most of us to believe that they know more by a sort of intuition about anything that can be mentioned than does the average man. So we are not always listened to when we should be. Naturally this experience has the effect of souring the otherwise sweet dispositions of our public men who suffer from it.

But are we entirely free from a similar arrogance on our part? How can we possibly share in Imperial councils which have to do with European and Asiatic problems, wheinformation? The Ministers over expert advisers on all these questhrough which they can get infornation within the Empire is ignor-

We and Our Neighbors. (Buffalo Express.)

even people who live near it do not a gentleman's place and, observing fully appreciate, unless they have a shallow stone basin containing studied its history, was developed water, he inquired what it was for. by Justice Riddell of Toronto in an "That, said the gardener, "is a address before the Buffalo Kiwanis bird bath.' Club some months ago. Virtually "Do'nt ye be foolin' me," grinned every foot of it has been the sub- Pat. "What is it?" of controversy that Europe knows you doubt it?" every instance their disputes have burrd alive that can tell Saturday been adjusted by arbitration or some night from anny other."-Boston other form of peaceful negotiation. Transcript.
In this matter the United States and Canada have pointed a lesson to the

Praise For Mr. Murdock. (Toronto Saturday Night.)

Those who looked with some degree of misgiving upon the choice of Mr. Murdock by the Prime Minister have been agreeably surprised so far. The Minister of Labor has been doing much and saying little. He has taken hold like an old hand and has learned the lesson quite early in his ministerial career that the politician who keeps his mouth shut and eyes open not only gets there but stays

Children Not To Blame. (Guelph Mercury.)

Assurances are forthcoming that food for the children and the aged and helpless will reach its proper destination, and with this assurance humanity calls loudly on all to do something to help. It is a worthy call for a worthy cause, and Cana-dians are expected to respond. Though Russia may be misgoverned, the children are not responsible, and their cry is heard to-day the world over to "Send Us Food."

> No Originality in Jazz. (St. Thomas Times-Journal.)

John Philip Sousa, the bandmaster, has given an interview in which he points out the weakness of jazz that is going to prove its doom. The jazz writers lack originality. As Sousa says, "they simply appropriate some inspired composer's tune and weave their own compositions around it," and they are not clever

enough to conceal the theft...

The bandmaster thinks the jazz writers will run out of composers to copy and will start jazzing sacred time," he says, "it will rise in its die and Corine Lawrence. wrath and do away with jazz."

not come about in just that way, but John McKechnie, of Glenroadin. sic by the jazz writers. If the people Lean. tuneful melody is demanded, and as Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey and famthe writers are unable to produce ily, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. anything of the sort out of their own John Caswell. Those who are anxious about the brains, they turn to dead composers Mrs. Braun has rented her farm powerless to protect them. The day!

The Swindle in Marks. (Toronto Globe.)

"The greatest swindle in history erica, really are making the repara-The men who took Vimy Ridge tions payments on the theory that

all the spectacled clerks writing in Mr. John Maynard Keynes in his new all the Government offices in all the book, "A Revision of the Treaty." He ents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McQuarrie. capitals of the Empire could accom- says that one of the principal causes plish in a hundred years. The of the recent collapse of the mark is children, of Priceville, spent the holworkmen in the factories of Mont- "the necessity of paying money areal, the farmers on the Western broad in discharge of reparation." prairies, the men who draw wealth He shows how foreign purchasers of out of our forests and mines—these marks have financed Germany visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hugh Mcare the Canadians who fix our "sta- through the process described by Lean.

> After the mark had fallen to such a level that more than 25 marks could be obtained for a dollar, numerous persons all over the world formed the opinion that there would be a reaction some day to the pre-war value and that therefore a purchase of marks or mark bonds would be a good investment. This investment proceeded on so vast a scale that it placed foreign currency at the disposal of Germany up to an aggregate value which has been estimated at from 800 millions to 1 billion dollars. These resources enabled Germany, partially at least, to replenish her food supplies and to restock her industries with raw materials, requirements involving an excess of imports over exports which could not otherwise have been paid for. In addition, it even enabled individual Germans to remove a part of their wealth from Germany for investment in other countries.

Professor Keynes adds that 'until the reparation liability has been set_ ther within or outside the Empire, tled reasonably it is scarcely worth touching which we have neither ex- the while of anyone to trouble his perience, responsibility nor inside head about a problem which is insoluble." It is, therefore, the view departments in London have at least of the two most noted writers on economics in Europe that currency tions, and a thousand avenues stabilization for Germany is impossible so long as that country continmation from the areas concerned. ues to make reparations payments The Ministers at Ottawa have noth- by buying gold in the world's market ing of this sort. What supreme non- with floods of paper money. Unless sense-and dangerous bumptions- German currency can be stabilized ness-it is then to argue that if our the dance of European exchanges politicians are not consulted on these will go on, paralyzing trade. But questions, our glorious Dominion is the Genoa Conference is forbidden insulted, and our "status" as a free by France to touch the reparations question. If the financial problem proves insoluble the Conference may at least apportion the responsibility.

Pat Was From Missouri.

A point about this boundary which | Pat was helping the gardener on

ject of controversy-the same kind "A bird bath, I tell you. Why do

how to settle only by war-and in "Because I don't believe there's a



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Rocky Saugeen.

(Our own correspondent.) Miss Esther McLean and her sis-

music. "When the public hears ter Catharine, spent an evening last "Nearer My God To Thee" in jazz- week with their friends, Misses Sa-

Mrs. Smith Ewen and son spent the The end of the abomination may first of the week with her sister, Mrs. it is certain that before long there is Mr. Albert Reid and Miss Isabel utes of last meeting read and congoing to be a revulsion of feeling McQuarrie, of Toronto, spent a few firmed. Communications read as

were content with a mere blur of Mr. Campbell Mitchell and sister, loud and rhythmic sound, as the Carrie, of town, spent Easter holiday Beaton, resignation as Sanitary In- notes on hygiene written in German aborigines are, the lack of original- with their sister, Mrs. Neil McLean. spector; account re Code's suit; ac- in 1813, two years before the battle No Smeking No Spraying the Spraying the Spraying the Spraying the Spraying the Smeking No Spraying the Spraying the Smeking No Spraying the Spraying the Smeking No Spraying the Spraying th ity in the jazz writers would not be Mr. and Mrs. John Braun and fama handicap to them and they would ily, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scheur-

we hope she will soon be better. Miss Addie Collinson is spending the Easter holidays with her.

mother, and brother, Mrs. Hill, and be issued .- Carried. William Hill, one day last week.

spent Sunday with their grandmoth- for each ward .- Carried. er, Mrs. Hill.

McLean families. The remains of Mrs. Hobkirk were law book.-Carried. laid to rest in Rocky Saugeen cemetery on Monday. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved.

Aberdeen.

(Our own correspondent.) Miss Isabel McQuarrie, accompanied by her uncle, Mr. A. H. Read, of Toronto, spent Easter with her par-

Mrs. Hector McEachern and two iday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McCormick.

Miss Cassie Brown of Elmwood is Miss Burnett of Hanover is visit-

ing with her uncle, Mr. John Lynn. Misses Esther McLean of the Rocky, and Elsie Ledingham of Durham, spent Easter with their cousins, Misses Isabel and Mary Mc-Miss Jessie Smith of Toronto spent

the holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Smith. Miss Isabel McKillop of Durham

spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Torry, Jack McDonald and sister May, spent Sunday

with the Lamb family. Miss Mary Lamb of Stratford Normal School is spending the holidays at her home here. She was accom-panied by Mrs. E. Latter and son Dudley of Stratford.

Mr. John McDonald, Sr., attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Hobkirk

of Crawford on Monday, while the CHESLEY MAN HAS BOOK same day his son, John, attended the funeral of the late Sam. Orr of Owen Sound.

GLENELG COUNCIL

The Council met April 8 pursuant to adjournment, all the members present, the Reeve in the chair; min_

P. J. Haley, sheep claim; W. A. count of Dr. Jamieson for service to Sam Jacques; accounts of Municipal! Dundas, for keep, care and burial of community. Sarah McPherson; accounts for winter work.

M. Black-Brodie-That the Clerk Some of the young people around order a copy of the Revised Statutes Council.-Carried.

Brodie-Turnbull-That J. J. Black order the front wheels for grader No. 6, Sawyer Massey.—Carried.

M. Black-Brodie-That the report of Mr. Turnbull be adopted and that Mrs. Turnbull and son visited her cheques for \$14.80 for winter work

Turnbull-M. Black-That Ward Misses Mary and Clara Scheurman appropriations this year be \$500.00 Turnbull-J. J. Black-That By-Mr. Dougall McDonald of Craw- law No. 628 appoiring Township of-

ford spent a day recently with the ficers be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed on by-Brodie-Turnbull-That the resig-

nation of W. A. Beaton be accepted, and that John Ellison be appointed ! in his stead.—Carried.

Orders on Treasurer were issued as follows: Municipal World, supplies for Clerk and Treasurer, \$44.13; House of Providence, care and burial of Sarah McPherson, \$85.65; Code vs Glenelg suit, \$63.54; P. J. Haley, sheep claims, \$4.00; C. Ramage & Son, printing, \$72.50; Drs. Jamieson, medical service to Sam Jacques, \$6; James Brown, refund of Statute Labor, \$3.00; Markdale Standard, printing, \$66.25. The Council adjourned to May 13

at 10 a.m. -J. S. Black, Clerk.

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VARNEY, ONT.

(Chesley Enterprise.) In last week's issue we referred to our townsman, John A. Black, having a ready reckoner 101 years the voice at the other end of the old. Con. J. G. Krug can beat John's wire. "You are talking to an underantiquarian collection by 24 years. taker." On Monday he showed us a prayerbook that had been the property of

his father-in-law, the late William Stephan, which was 125 years old. The name in the book is quite legible. He also showed us a book with of Waterloo was fought. This heirloom had been given him by his grandfather and the notes had been World for supplies; Markdale Stand- taken by his great grandfather. As ard and Durham Review, for print- antiquities are now in order, Con. J. ing; account House of Providence, G. has a challenge out to the whole

And Now She Wonders.

telephone, and, after she had suffi-125 YEARS OLD cnently scolded the man who responded, she said: "And what's more the next order you get from me will be the last I'll ever give you."

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