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NONE ON FENCE

When R. L. Maitland, Leader of the Opposition, was here this week he quoted a passage from the Bible: "He that is not with us is against us," applying it to the present war attitude.

There are some people who do not believe in war and think that Canada had no right to enter this conflict. They would have allowed Germany to overrun Great Britain without so much as lifting a hand to help prevent it. Then presumably they would have acted in a similar manner toward the United States. They would allow their friends to perish or surrender their liberty. However, their religious convictions are something over which the country has no right to interfere. But, as Mr. Maitland says: "He who is not with us is against us" at a time like this.

Mr. Maitland, when here, referred to an editorial article in the Federationist, a C.C.F. paper with considerable circulation in Prince Rupert. Since the beginning of the war this paper has done nothing but try to point out the weaknesses of the British Empire. It jibes at everything, taking a somewhat similar position in the conflict to that of most C.C.F. members of the Legislature.

This is not the time for recriminations or political disputes. Many members of the C.C.F. party are as loyal as any person in the province and as anxious to help. And yet there must be many who approve the attitude of the Federationist or they would not continue to subscribe to it, considering that it does everything possible to undermine public confidence at a time when confidence and unity of purpose is needed.

THE BELGIAN KING

It is too early to try to discuss the war effort of any nation or person but the Belgian King, Leopold III., has, through a friend, issued a statement which summarized is somewhat as follows:

"The decision to lay down arms on the morning of May 28 had been imperative owing to the unbearable position of the Belgian army. The troops were encircled beyond hope and were unable to get effective assistance from the Allies. The decision was taken in full agreemnet with and on the advice of the chief of staff. The King acted fully within his rights under the constitution. Any statement to the effect that the Allied commands had not been kept informed was not true. They knew the plight of the Belgian forces which made it imperative that they cease fighting. The King might have left by air and sought refuge abroad but he preferred to share the fate of soldiers and people."

A lengthy defence of the Belgian king appeared recently in The Standard of Montreal written by a Belgian who was in a good position to obtain information. This article gives in detail the events leading up to the surrender and draws attention to the fact that supplies, ammunition and drinking water were lacking and an epidemic of typhoid had broken out. Sir Roger Keyes, British liaison officer, asked the House of Commons to suspend judgment on the king who was "a very valiant soldier." The Belgian army fought gallantly and deserved the highest praise.

GARDEN NOTEBOOK

The flower show this year is to be held in the Exhibition building on the twenty-first day of this month with Charles Balagno as manager. The prize list will be issued soon and copies will be mailed to all paid up members of the Horticultural Society. Doubtless, it will receive full support from the citizens generally.

It is several weeks since I have had an opportunity to mention gardens and gardening and one reason is because I have had little opportunity to get around and see what people are doing. I know that a great many gardens look fine from the road and, doubtless, they will stand closer inspection.

Many people have been interested in my regal lillies. They are just now in full bloom. One spray has eleven blooms on it and another eight, the largest number I have ever had. These lillies have been blooming every year for five or six years but they do not seem to increase. I also have some of the lillium auratum which are in bud but it will be several weeks before they are in bloom. These have been successfully grown for several years by Charlie Balagno.

Another plant of which I am rather proud is a tall pink spires, about six or seven feet high. It seems to be a perfectly hardy plant. Mine bloomed last year but nothing like it has done this season. It has been in bloom for several weeks and will soon be over for the season.

The water lillies have done better this year than last. Each plant has had a number of blooms and these have been larger than in former seasons. Some people have asked if I would recommend growing these lillies. I would not unless they are placed in a permanent concrete pond. Mine are in tubs and it seems hardly worth while handling them that way. However, it is easy to make a small pond and with ferns and other plants around it, a pond may be made very picturesque.

Many people have been worried by an attack of a small dark caterpillar. I lost practically all my glads from this pest. They bored into the stalk and destroyed the blooms as well as chewing up the leaves. We have killed most of them now but they have spread into different parts of the garden and chew up the leaves of a good many plants. They started on the lillies but we soon stopped that.

Slugs have been bad this year. The season started with very little slug trouble but, as the summer advanced, they got worse. Pelkin them seems to be the most effective cure but slug killer is a help. There is so much wild land here where they breed and spread to the gardens. If this wild land could be burned over early in the season it would be a great help.

I have been intrigued by watching the development of a little garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allan, 7th Avenue, not far from the Ridley Home. So far I have been unable to stop and look it over. Some day I shall invite myself to call and then I may tell about it.

The schizanthus in the boxes at Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell's home are attracting a lot of attention. They are very fine and are another example of how useful schizanthus are, particularly for window or porch boxes.

No one should miss seeing the tropeolum covering the front of Dr. Mandy's house on Graham Avenue. The red bloom against the mass of green is a sight. The tropeolum speciosum does not grow well everywhere. Mine is about four feet high. Mandy's is twenty feet high.—H. F. P.

AUSSIE FISH STORY

SYDNEY, Australia, August 2: (CP)—A 15-inch mullet jumped five feet from the Clarence River through a porthole into a cabin of the river steamer Moongi. The crew had it for lunch.

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GERMANS REACH CANADA—BUT AS PRISONERS UNDER GUARD

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Mrs. MacCallum Honored By W.A.

Farewell Tea Yesterday Afternoon At Home of Mrs. J. A. Hinton

On Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Anglican Church Women's Auxiliary held a farewell tea at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hinton, Second Avenue, to bid adieu to Mrs. F. A. MacCallum, a devoted and faithful worker in the Auxiliary during her residence in Prince Rupert. Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. C. V. Evitt, vice-president of the Auxiliary, received the guests and, during the afternoon, Mrs. G. A. Rix presented Mrs MacCallum with a very pretty picture of a local scene, a token of their appreciation of her work. Mrs. Rix said that Mrs. MacCallum would be greatly missed and it was the wish of her friends here that her sojourn in Kamloops would be a happy one.

Mrs. Thomas Andrew was general convenor of the affair, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Greer and Mrs. W. W. Smeeton.

Miss R. M. Davies O.B.E., Mrs. C. Ellison and Mrs. C. E. Cullin poured, serviteurs being Mrs. J. G. Johns, Mrs. J. H. Nordan, Mrs. R. E. Mortimer and Mrs. J. S. Wilson.

MAGISTRATE FINED

CARDIFF, Wales, Aug. 2: (CP)—Chairman of Blaenavon magistrates for five years, Dr. Alfred James, 70, was fined $900 when charged with corruptly offering a gift of £5 to a police sergeant.

Canadian Plane Goes Far North

Leaves Edmonton For North Cape Of Victoria To Pick Up Couple

EDMONTON, August 2: (CP)—A Canadian Airways plane left here yesterday on a 2,000 mile flight to the north cape of Victoria Island in the Arctic Ocean to pick up Harvard graduates Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Washburn, who have been engaged in glacier survey work there. It will be the farthest north a Canadian plane has ever gone.

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