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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., MARCH 1, 1900.

Loyalty to the Empire.

We hear a good deal about French disloyalty, and it is even hinted that there is such a thing as Irish disloyalty...

As to the French—not counting such "traitors" as Mr. Tarte, who has undoubtedly done much mischief by his "nationalist" illogicalities—they are no doubt, as loyal to the Empire as any other element in our world of British origin.

It is not to be remembered that they are not shakers in the great achievements and conquests which have placed the nation in the enviable position it holds as a world-conquering power.

When some of us are roused to enthusiasm over Trafalgar, Waterloo or the Plains of Abraham we do not expect our French fellow subjects in Canada to burrow with us. We would be unreasonably and ignorant if we did so.

Loyalty is based in events of more recent date, and we must be fair in our judgment of them.

The Montreal "Press", referring to the dead and wounded Canadians who fell at Modder River in the engagement with General Cronje's forces on Sunday last week says:—

"There has just been signed, under fire, on a field of carnage, amidst murderous bullets, what might be called a concordat of lasting love between the different nationalities which are preparing the future of the Canadian nation."

"The morning is great, but the hope is still greater. If our first thought, that of the hero for the bereaved families, the second, coming from reason, goes to the thought of the possible dead of the morning, then we must be realistic. What could we know about it in the long period of peace with which Canada is favored?"

"There are in many homes tears and fears, for not only are the known victims mourned, but fears are also entertained for the possible dead of the morning. The only consolation which can be tendered is that peculiar mixture of gratitude which is coupled with the horror of war. Hence arises unexplained enthusiasm, sincere admiration that fill the whole soul. The sacrifice of life is very sad, but what a great thing courage is!"

"As regards our country, it seems that the roots of a nation will be strengthened in that pure fertilizer extracted from our veins. There is nothing like a common fate, dangers shared, and a common triumph to draw the hearts of a people together."

"We have just sown, side by side, blood in the same furrow; the promised harvest must be union, good will, concord between us, for nature has fixed it that life should proceed from death."

"Let that confraternity of the last slumber in a foreign land be also the confraternity of joint existence on the soil of our own country, without the odious suspicion and reservations of yesterday."

"Such expressions of loyalty as these are creditable to representative French papers, and they would not be made if there was not a genuine sentiment behind them. The more readily we accept them the more loyal will we, who are not of French blood, prove to the country in which it is our ambition to build up national purposes and goals of achievement broader than Britain ever knew until the progress and possibilities of her modern race were threatened in the pending war."

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and slept on the ground where they had fought. In the British camp. Sunday evening the order around the Boers was completely closed in perfect silence.

A few Boers came into camp during the night and confessed they were sick of fighting and that Cronje was being urged to surrender. General Cronje's force occupied the river bed.

All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst, it being impossible to transport water. A heavy thunder-storm in the afternoon, however, relieved their suffering. Lord Kitchener was present with the force. General McDonald was wounded in the foot but not severely.

Monday morning found the Boers in the same place. During the night they had constructed entrenchments around the laager, which was still threatened by General Sir Buller.

About mid-day the cry that General French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his arrival operated out of sight of our force.

When Lord Roberts arrived, he addressed several regiments and was vigorously cheered.

Early in the day General Cronje asked for 24 hours' armistice in order to bury his dead. Lord Kitchener refused, and a little later came another messenger with word to the effect that if the British were not prepared to bury the dead, the Boers were prepared to bury the British.

General Cronje saw no other course open but that of surrender. Upon receipt of this message Lord Kitchener proceeded to the Boer laager in order to arrange the capitulation, but he was met by a messenger, who announced that General Cronje said the whole thing was a mistake, that he had not the slightest intention of surrendering but would fight until he died.

At 7 a.m. on Feb. 27, the Boer force of 10,000 men, including 1,000 mounted men, was ordered to march to the north. The Boers were ordered to march to the north. The Boers were ordered to march to the north.

Three field batteries and a Howitzer battery took position directly in front of the laager and began accurate fire, the Howitzers using yodite shells freely. The Boers were seen retiring from the trenches to the river bed in order to seek shelter, but no cover could protect them from such a fire. The Howitzers dropped yodite shells with precision into the very bed of the river, and the trenches were soon filled with horrible fumes and great smoke, but the enemy held grimly on.

Again during the night destroyers arrived. They were much frightened and shaken by their awful experiences. They reported that they had water in abundance, but were able to draw only a supply from their laager during the night.

IN THE DEATH-GRIP. Tuesday was the third day of General Cronje's imprisonment and grim resistance. Early that morning the infantry engaged the enemy; the British river and drove him a short distance. The morning sun disclosed the Boers toiling like ants on the entrenchments around their laager. A few shells were fired to prevent them from continuing the work, but most of the shells were directed at the Boer entrenchments.

General French's artillery was heard off to the east, presumably damaging the Boer's entrenchments.

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