

—a proposition immediately accepted by the enemy.

The brave little troop issued from the house and surrendered their arms to Col. Atempo, of the Hohenslohe regiment. "Where are the others?" asked the colonel, seeing so few men; and when he had ascertained that there were really no more he exclaimed, "Bravo! you defended yourselves like lions!" The Italians, taken prisoners to Austria, managed to keep their precious relics secret, and one of them dying, his piece of hunting was buried with him. On the first of July following, Gen. di Revel was appointed commander of the division, and while inspecting the Forty-fourth Infantry was surprised to see no flag. He was told that it had been taken by the enemy, but as the matter had never been mentioned, not even by the Austrians, who would naturally have been proud of such a trophy, the general called the officers of the Forty-first together and begged them to keep perfect silence as to their loss, and the first time they found themselves within reach of an enemy's flag to revenge themselves by taking it.

When Austria agreed to the convention of the Red Cross the Italian military doctors were set free, and one of them came to Gen. di Revel and informed him of what had been done with their flag by the group of officers of the Forty-fourth. The general recommended silence, and his wish was respected. On the 9th of October, when Di Revel went to Verona, a merchant of that city was presented to him, and in secret consigned to him the spear point of the missing flag, which had been found in the villa of Signora Rose Fairna, and by her jealously preserved in order to be restored to the Italian army. One can imagine the gratitude of the general.

He reported the affair to the minister of war, begging him to provide a flagstaff. This was done, and when peace was concluded and the prisoners of war returned home, the officers of the Forty-fourth consigned to the general the several pieces of their flag. They were sewn together by three workwomen in the presence of two officers of the company, and attached to the staff and spear point, the whole proceeding being written down, witnessed to and signed, and an account of the saving of the flag added.

On the 25th of October the Forty-fourth regiment was drawn up in the square of St. Mark, and in front stood Lieut. Libretti bearing the recovered flag. The guardia vol was sounded, and Gen. di Revel expressed his pleasure at being able to restore to the assembled regiment the actual flag, stained with the blood of the handful of heroes who had so valiantly preserved it from the enemy. "One piece only," he concluded, "is missing, and that lies in the heart of the brave man who carried it with him to the tomb." A storm of applause burst from the regiment and the spectators; then while the men presented arms the general kissed the flag and gave it to Lieut. Col.

Zarni, the commander of the regiment, who also kissed it and then reconsigned it to Lieut. Libretti, who, bearing aloft the glorious banner, accompanied Gen. di Revel along the front of the regiment amid renewed acclamations. The general speaks of this incident as one of the most moving in his military career.

#### JUDGE CARLETON'S ARTICLE.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Under the caption of "Fair Play for the Mormons" tomorrow's *National Democrat* will print a three-column article by Judge Carleton, an eminent Indiana lawyer, and for seven years a member of the Utah Commission. The writer says that most of the publications about the Mormons are utterly unreliable and characterized by the acrimony of apostate rancor; others are highly sensational and often illustrated with monstrous pictures; their object is to meet the popular taste for the marvelous. Judge Carleton says his task of presenting the Mormons in their true light is a difficult and ungracious one. "For," says he, "many persons prefer to believe a lie about a people whom it is the fashion to despise." He affirms that, for honesty, sobriety, industry, neighborly kindness, peace and good order, the Mormons are equal, if not superior, to any community on this continent. Over 95 per cent of the saloon keepers and gamblers of Utah are non-Mormons, while over 75 per cent of the population is Mormon. He asserts that over seven-eighths of the heinous and felonious offenses are committed by anti-Mormons. He further says:

"The Gentiles profess not to believe in 'Mormon reform'; that 'no good can come out of Nazareth' and that many anti-Mormons, strange as it would seem, would resent any well considered intention of 'reform' among the people, as thereby they would lose a club by which they expect to manipulate the political affairs of Utah."

The article, which is scholarly throughout, abounds in striking and original thought and cannot fail to attract widespread attention. Judge Carleton closes with this sentence: "Shall we in this enlightened country invoke legal coercion over the consciences of men in the matter of religion and resort to the thumb screw and rack, political prescription and disfranchisement as modes of religious instruction and persuasion?"—*Herald*.

#### AGAINST OPPRESSIVE TAXES.

For some days past copies of a petition asking the City Council to reduce the rate of taxation from four to two and a half mills, have been in circulation in all parts of the city, and are being signed with avidity by all classes and persuasions of citizens. Party lines are completely lost sight of in this movement. A single list of names, attached to a copy of this petition, was seen today in the hands of a prominent business man, who was

interested in circulating it, which represented wealth to the amount of about twenty million dollars. There are a number of other lists in the hands of energetic circulators, and it is probably safe to say that the owners of from thirty to forty million dollars worth of property in this city have already signed their names to a request to the city council to reduce the city tax as above stated. The total assessment is fifty-four millions, and it is likely that three-fourths, if not more, of this sum will be represented on the petitions by the time they are laid before the Council. In other words, a practically unanimous protest by all the property owners in the city will go up to that body against the oppressive taxation which the Council has voted to inflict upon them. The member of the Council who votes to disregard this protest will defy the wishes of nearly the whole body of his constituents, expressed in words which bear their signatures.

#### CHOLERA SCARE IN CANADA.

RECENT dispatches from Canada state that there is some fear of Asiatic cholera coming to that country from Japan, via British Columbia. The acting deputy Minister of Agriculture, speaking of this rumored danger, says the quarantine regulations are as strict as human ingenuity can devise, but that there is every danger of the plague coming into the country next summer. It might come through immigrants, who have it in its earliest stage, when it cannot be detected at quarantine.

It has been asserted that *la grippe* is a forerunner of cholera. If this assertion is well founded, we may look for a pretty general spread of the last epidemic, as *la grippe* has visited almost every known part of the globe.

There are several things always absent in a true lady, which the *Home Journal* reminds girls that they will do well to remember:

A lady, for example, will never ignore little kindnesses.

Conclude in a crowd that she has a right to push her way through.

Fall in answering letters or returning visits, unless ill or in trouble.

Fret about the heat or the cold, the sun or the rain, the air or lack of it.

Make an engagement and then not be on time.

Complain of her family or discuss personal affairs with strangers.

Always believe the worst rather than the best side of a story.

A lady does not do any other than make the best of everything—the world, the weather and herself. She believes in the golden rule and endeavors as far as possible to live up to it, and that's what you and I ought to promise every morning we will try and do during the day.