# THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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### OUR DEATH TRAPS

The town hall is a veritable death trap in case of alarm and The Chronicle has referred to the danger time and again. Nothing short of a catastrophe will bring the people to a full realization of the danger. If for any reason an alarm should be given and a general stampede be made towards the only exit, no possible conception can be formed of all getting out alive. A public building in which large gatherings are supposed to assemble, and at times do assemble, should be provided with all the safeguards required by the law. It isn't necessary to enlarge on the thought. It should have sufficient exits to clear it in a minute or less in case of an emergency.

The churches are not much better and there, too, the danger of escape is ever present in the mind of all who stop long enough to think. With perhaps one exception we don't think there is a church in town that is fairly provided with a means of escape in case of a rush through fire or some other cause. No one will thank us for this information, but the day may come, and come too soon, when some will regret the neglect to make a remedy. can say then, "We told you so," but that will be a poor remedy. Just picture the churches over in your mind and think of the certainties of danger in case accident.

The school is fairly well provided in case of an emergency, and with frequent fire drill exercises there should be little to fear from that source. In any of the public buildings we have no doubt safe exit could be made if the inmates would all keep their heads. That's the very thing they won't do, and that's where the great danger lies. To keep cool in a time of excitement is a lesson that many have yet to learn. Now is the time to act. Locking the stable door when the steed is stolen is looked upon as poor policv.

## THE LUSITANIA

The sinking of the Lusitabia and the loss of hundreds of is nocent lives is known to every reader of this paper, and a repetition the circumstances is not necessary at this juncture. The jury investigating the deaths attendant upon the loss of the vessel have returned the following verdict:

"The jury find that this appalling crime was contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations, and we therefore charge the officers of the submarine and the German Emperor and Government of Germany, under whose orders they acted, with the crime of wilful and wholesale murder."

This "wholesale murder" is only another act of barbarism. From the very commencement of the war the Germans have shown spirit of barbarism worse by far than anything ever recorded the Dark Ages. The military spirit has been inculcated and instilled into the minds of the people for a generation. The great writers and great leaders of Germany have poisoned the minds of the whole populace with the nobility of war, and the glorious power in exercising the mailed fist. An insane lust for power has developed nor good politics in the statement in the people, from the kaiser to in Tuesday's World of Mr. C. B. their adoption.

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antagonists. red innocent noncombat ints, alone Canadians. many of them women and childman people. The whole civilized arms, the full protection as



Sir Robert takes a strangle grip on the beast of prey

teen pouring in from all quarters comes, will have just as much Though the American Govern- excuse to butcher innocent women ment has declared for peace, the and children along their line of American people are highly - in- march as the Germans had to tordignant over the loss of a hund- pedo the Lusitania, knowing when red and fifty who went down with they did so that only the live's of Lesson VII. - Second Quarter, the Lusitania. The advertisement mon-combatants would be endanwarning Americans not to take gered. International law also passage in ships carrying British flag is considered Count von Bernstorff, the German unfortified towns. The German air Ambassador to the United States, raids on the English coast are but as sufficient warning for Ameri- another instance of the perfidy of cans not to sail on such vessels. the Germans. At The Hague con-Whether or not the advertise- ference they endorsed all these ments in the public press should and now, at their very first oppor be taken as a warning by the tunity, repudiate the whole thing. American people, the same announcements show the tragedy not much wonder that good Britwas not the result of impulse, but ish subjects should quickly lose of careful planning on the part patience with those who try of the enemy; it was premeditated justify Germany's barbarous war and the wilful premeditation only methods. Such pro-German advomakes matters all the worse in cates should not be allowed

toll. For this the German people camps. Not that we altogether bewill have no regret, as Canada is lieve in wholesale internment, but one of the belligerents. The loss, just to give some of these fellows however, will only make Canad- a taste of the mailed fist and the ians more determined, and German methods of which they are apparsympathizers will have to guard ently in favor. their words and actions more closely than they have been doing.

A British subject in Germany now wouldn't be allowed to open his mouth in favor of Britain. It must be the same in Canada. We are at war with Germany and Germans in Canada will be protected so long as they deserve protection, but no true Britisher will stand up willingly and the British flag insulted by syrapathizers with the enemy

More than that-no British subject should be allowed freedom in the expression of disloyal utterances. Only a few days ago a man was arrested in Toronto because he made use of the innocent statement that "people were foolish to travel on ships during war residents in Germany. Under the time." Any of us might say that circumstances, a person and many say worse. There are scarcely blame Britishers for resome in this town who use their taliating, though we are not tongues too freely and if they favor, altogether, of making were in some places they would be jerked up short for doing so. has ceased to be a virtue, It doesn't matter what England while the Government will give did in the past, the condemnation of her conduct is treason; ble in war time and the agitators should be suppressed. The kid glove is no use in fighting with the mailed penings of this nature: fist. We have all to keep our mouths shut against everything that can be construed as treason-

## MORE PRO GERMANISM

There is neither humanity, logic his meanest subject. With the Whitney, the Detroit theatrical Germans no laws are binding no manager, that the Americans who promises are respected, no treaties lost their lives on the Lusitania are held inviolate. With them, it need only blame themselves, inasisn't war they want, if murder will much as they were warned by the No German embassy of the fate which of the Lincoln Paper Mills. have no right under the laws of Canada has suffered heavily. Our ordinary warfare to blow up passtrongest and best have fallen but senger vessels carrying non-comthey have bled and died to uphold batants only. To warn people gofreedom, to uphold humanity, to ing to sea that you will turn pirthe spirit of barbarism so manifest justify piracy, and it is of that in our powerful and unscruoulous that the Germans are guilty. Mr Whitney will find it hard to The destruction of eleven hund- plain his views to Americans, let He's a wiser man now-perhaps.

The above, taken from Wednesren, murdered without warning, day's Toronto World, just about and sent to the bottom of the At- hits the nail on the head. On land lantic without a chance of escape, or sea, international law claims have been stormed and damaged will bring no honor to the Ger- for those not actually bearing world is shocked at the tragedy, corded neutrals. The Allied army, fused to work with Germans, had no more power to ween. The

the provides that armies shall not dirby ect their force of arms against THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES. Under such circumstances, it

## GERMANS MUST SUFFER

tuted by the German government not only disgusts all civilization upon Saul and his men (verses 11, 12). with Teuton savagery, but makes Compare Gen. ii, 21; xv, 12, and considit harder, also, for Germans in neutral countries, as well as those in countries antagonistic to the see King of the Prussians, to along. In the British Empire, pecially, is their lot becoming lxxvii, 14). David, with his trophies, harder, and where once they were stood on the top of a hill afar off and treated as other citizens, they are cried to Abner that, though he was a now looked down upon. Evidently valiant man, he was worthy to die be-Britishers have come to the conclusion that the man whose orders torpedoed the Lusitania would not be overly particular as to the kind of treatment meted out to British innocent suifer for the wrongs done by others. Patience, however they cannot be held altogether chapter xxiv how he cut off the skirt count briefly two or three

Sixty-five employees men refuse to work alongside people whose countrymen have proved themselves to be beasts. similar notice is given by the Victoria Falls Power Company at Prakpan, South Africa.

Dr. Lachmann, a .German officer is under arrest by the military officers at St. Catharines. He came to Merritton some time ago to take a position as superintendent hellish device is too mean for awaited the ship. The Germans admitted being a German citizen thy life, but with me thou shalt be in cause of arrest is not stated.

> Three Germans were arrested in Vancouver because they rejoiced

Britain, and in many towns the premises occupied by Germans the industrial districts have re- perience and they all wept until they and messages of sympathy have when the time and opportunity whether naturalized or not

For May 16, 1915.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. xxvi, 5-16, Memory Verses, 11, 12-Golden Text, Luke vi, 27-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The lesson today is a record of one of the occasions on which David had Saul completely at his mercy, but he refused to lay hands upon him or to listen to the suggestion of Abishai that David would permit him to smite Saul, for he said, "As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him, or his day shall to come to die, or he shall descend into the minds of the civilized world. | air their views in any British pos- battle and perish" (verses 9, 10). Thus Canada, too, has lost a heavy session, outside the detention David left the matter wholly in the words, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" (Ps. xxxvii, 5). I Sam. xxxi tells how his end came.

On this occasion David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster that he might show him how he had him in his power, but did not harm him. David was able to do this The campaign of murder insti- without any one knowing it because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen he was bound with chains between two soldiers, and there was a guard at the door of the prison (Acts xii, 6-10, get 18, 19). Truly the God of Israel is the es- God that doest wonders (Ps. Ixxii, 18; cause he had failed to take care of the king, and he told him to look for the king's spear and cruse of water that had been by his bolster (verses 13-16).

Saul knew David's voice and professed to be very grateful to him for sparing his life, asking him to return can to him, and saying that he would no more seek to do him harm, but David knew his enemy too well, and after telling him to send for his spear, they again parted, each going his own way (verses 17-25). This was not the first time that David had Saul in his power, but refused to harm him. See in responsible for the acts of an ex- of Saul's robe and how Saul then proasperated populace. Below we re- fessed penitence and good will and hap- spoke of David's being king some day. Thus Saul sought him every day, but a God delivered him not into his hand leather company at Calgary, busy (xxiii, 14). In the end of chapter xxiii on French war orders, have issued there is the record of an incident that an ultimatum to the management looked like a close call for David, but to discharge all German or Aus- Saul was suddenly called off and David trian employees by Saturday The escaped. All through the story we can hear David saying: "The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. xxvii, 1-3.) The cave of Adullam story in chap-

ter xxii is full of interest, beginning with his seeking a place of safety for his father and his mother till he could know what God would do for him and ending with his words of comfort to Abiathar: "Abide thou with me. Fear He not, for he that seeketh my life seeketh The safeguard." Chapter xxv tells of the the story of drunken Nabal and his beautiful wife Abigail-beautiful in publicly over the sinking of the wise counsel to David and in her con-Lusitania. A German in New York duct toward him. Some of her memnot threw up his hat and shouted ju- orable words are ever with me: "Bound bilantly when he saw the bulletin in the bundle of life with the Lord thy announcing the loss of the Lusi- God" (xxv, 29), a bundle which cannot tania. He got a bat in the jaw be broken, for those to whom He gives ex- and narrowly escaped inching. eternal life can never perish (John x. 28). Chapters xxvii, xxix, xxx, tell the A strong anti-German feeling, story of Ziklag, which Achish gave to the result of the sinking of the David, but to which David returned on Lusitania, is sweeping all over one occasion to find the town in ruins and the wives, sons and daughters of himself and his 600 followers all gone into captivity. That was one of grown so strong that workmen in the most trying times in all David's ex-

grief of David, almost beyond endurance, was heaped up by the threat of his 600 followers to stone him, as if he was the cause of all this, so that David seemed, as far as human sympathy was concerned, to be absolutely alone. Then we read the words which have helped so many, "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God" (xxx, 6).

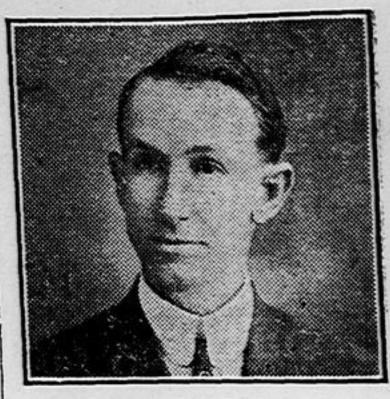
A somewhat similar incident in the life of Paul is recorded in II Tim. iv, 16-18. The way that David found the enemy, the Amalekites, through the guidance of an almost dead Egyptian servant, whom he restored to life, and how he recovered all-wives, sons, daughters, spoil, nothing lacking to any, and much additional spoil-is a very thrilling record and should encourage us all to wait on the Lord and not to think anything too hard for Him. There were 200 of David's men too weak to join in the pursuit of the enemy, but they, too, shared in the spoils of victory, and David made it a law that those who tarry by the stuff shall share equally with those who go forth to battle (xxx, 10, 24). Let all homekeepers be encouraged. The sin of Saul in the matter of familiar spirits and the witch of Endor is recorded in chapter xxviii. This is a prevailing sin of many today. It is wholly of the devil and is strictly forbidden in Deut. xviii, 9-12. It is not all trickery, but ofttimes some real work of the adversary. The living, those who are truly saved, should seek only the living God and His life giving word. All else is from the devil, and it will be a night of awful darkness forever for all who turn away from the Word of God "No morning for them" (Isa. viii, 19. 20; margin and R. V.).

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two weeks ago to extend to Dr. John McNeill, formerly of Toronto, the Presbytery of Denver formally settled the question as towho should be their pastor.

It was definitely announced in Prantford by the men of the 36th Pattalion, training in Hamilton. who were home for the week-end visiting relatives and friends. 5 that the battalion would shortly 14 leave for England.

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