Did you ever hear of King Charles from Germany? He lived two hundred years ago and was famous for his courage in defending his country.

One day he was in the middle of a great battle. He was hiding in a small house, which was almost between the two armies.

He called to one of his captains and told him to sit down and write a short message for him.

The captain began to write, but just as he finished the first word, a bomb came through the roof of the house and struck the floor close by him. He dropped the pen and sprang to his feet. He was white with fear. "What is the matter?" asked the king.

"Oh, sir," he answered, "the bomb! the bomb!"

"Yes, I see," said the king. "But what has the bomb to do with what you tare writing? Sit down, and take your pen. When your country is in danger, you should forget your own safety."

**Answer the questions.**

1. What country did King Charles rule?

2. What was King Charles famous for?

3. Why did the captain drop his pen?

4. What is the King trying to teach the officer?