

WAR BRIEFS

San Francisco. — British steamer *Sequoya*, just arrived from England, reported sinking German U-boat off Cornis coast. In battle with diver, one of *Sequoya* crew was killed and three injured.

New York. — American line steamship *St. Louis*, first American armed passenger vessel to make round trip through submarine zone, reached quarantine here today.

Washington. — Without discussion, bill providing for punishment for destruction of war materials passed by senate today.

London. — American Ambassador Walter Hines Page conferred today with the Cuban minister to Great Britain, Gen. Garcia.

Washington. — Bill authorizing the government to operate all wireless stations in United States and possessions introduced by Chairman Padgett of house naval committee today at request of Sec'y Daniels.

Samokin, Pa. — First shooting by placing of federal troops on guard in hard coal region occurred here today. Stanley Shlikoskie disregarded a nation guard's warning to halt. Fatally wounded. Stanley Linclaskie was shot through left leg, severing an artery. Both will die.

Washington. — Supreme court today affirmed W. Va. and R. I. courts which had indictments against alleged conspirators to corrupt congressional elections in 1914.

Des Moines, Ia. — Gov. Harding today appealed to women of state to aid in increasing and conserving the food supply. He will issue proclamation to be read in public schools asking pupils to start gardens.

London. — Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, wants allies to postpone big offensive till 1918, so that with mighty soldier and industrial aid of America quick and conclusive victory would be assured.

GERMAN AIR BOATS ARE NOT MISSING—THEY'RE LOST, SAYS ENGLISH OFFICER.

By William Philip Simms.

With the British Armies Afield, April 9. — British have inaugurated aerial warfare on a scale hitherto undreamed of, even in this greatest of wars.

German claims that British have lost their air supremacy spurred a certain English air general to reply today.

"If the English losses appear high," he explained, "it is because the present fighting is of an undreamed-of scale. The German boast of numerous planes downed is therefore easily explained. We are fighting practically always above the enemy's country; therefore a vast majority of all our casualties are behind their lines.

"While we frankly admit the number of our machines which are missing, the Germans say none of theirs is missing. This is probably true. For even if they lost two to our one, none of theirs is 'missing.' They are actually 'lost' because they have crashed down inside their own lines.

"As long as we are able to carry the fight to the enemy, meanwhile keeping him away from our lines, none can truthfully say that we have lost the supremacy of the air."

AUSTRIA TO FOLLOW KAISER ON REFORM PROMISES

London, April 9. — Emperor Karl of Austria will follow Kaiser William's announcement of liberal internal reform promises, according to a Rome dispatch to the *Evening Star* today. Among other concessions the dispatch said semi-autonomy will be granted to principal Austro-Hungarian provinces, including Trieste.

RICHARD OLNEY, FORMER SEC'Y OF STATE, IS DEAD

Boston, April 9. — Richard Olney, secretary of state during Cleveland administration, died late last night. He has been ill for some months.