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Decisive French And British Victories Marked Fourth Day of Momentuous Battle

With The Exception of the Fall of the Fortress Maubrug, the Allies were Successful Yesterday--French War Office Denies Fall of This Fort. Near Paris The Germans Lost Ground. Advance of The French is Slow But Certain.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—French and British successes marked the fourth day of the great battle being fought along the line from Meaux to Verdun with Vitryle Francois as a centre with the exception of the fall of fortress Maubrug which is claimed in official Berlin dispatches. This undoubtedly lost the day for the allies as the invaders crossed the French border and began a ten days drive toward Paris.

Paris, Sept. 9.—The French War Office does not admit the fall of Maubrug but asserts "the defense continues heroically against strong German forces and heavy siege guns. On the French left, nearest Paris, the Germans, though re-inforced, lost ground steadily and the allies are hurrying more fresh troops against them in an effort to add momentum to the retreat. In the centre, which was the theatre of the greatest activity, the French pressed back the Germans in a succession of terrible assaults in which the French artillery is said to have played a deadly part. The advance of the French is described as slow but general.

Between Meaux and Sezanne. This army, it is reported, was completely crumpled by the British and French who took many prisoners. The forces occupying the allies left were engaged all day, the fighting being about twenty-five miles from Paris. Early in the day the German left attempted an offensive move along the line of Chateau Saline to Nancy. It was repulsed and the troops were driven south of the Forest of Champenoux. The latest reports say that the offensive move of the allies is being continued with success at all points.



WOUNDED BELGIAN SOLDIER. This photograph was made in St. Jean's hospital, Brussels, before the Belgian capital was captured by the Germans.

\$20,000 FIRE VISITED JACKSONVILLE TUESDAY Lumber Company of that Place Suffers a Heavy Loss. Fire of Unknown Origin.

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 9.—The Jacksonville Lumber Company, Tuesday afternoon sustained losses that will amount to between ten and twenty thousand dollars, when their large dry kiln, which is three combined, caught fire, and was completely destroyed. It is not known just how the fire started but those around the mill believe it was a spark. There was several thousand feet of lumber in the kilns at the time of the fire, and this of course made the losses much more.

30,000 MAJORITY FOR MANNING. COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 9.—Additional returns of the balloting yesterday in the second State-wide Democratic primary from shattered precincts in practically every county increased early today the majority by which Richard I. Manning will be nominated Governor.

WINTER APPROACHES Temperature Yesterday A Silent Reminder Of Fact. Indications point to the fact that there will be no more summer weather in this section for the time being. The temperature locally yesterday was so low that heavy clothing did not feel at all uncomfortable, and many had a desire to "put 'em on" again.

SENSATIONAL MURDER TRIAL NEAR CLOSE

Clyde Kennedy, Alex Curtiss and Sid Gautier Will Probably Know Their Fate This Afternoon.

When Superior Court convened yesterday morning Julia Smith, wife of Harmon Smith who was examined Tuesday afternoon, was the first witness placed on the stand for the State in the case against Clyde Kennedy, Sid Gautier and Alex Curtiss, who are being tried for the murder of E. W. Sarlandt who was found dead near the car barn of the street railway company on the morning of August the ninth.

An Important Witness. Ed. Jones, the colored hackman was the next to take the stand. He said "Curtiss came to me at Five Points and wanted to go out in the country about one and one half miles and I told him that I was tired and my horse was jaded and I cried but later when my boss came out of the barber shop he told me that it had been a dull day and to go not more than the distance named for one dollar and fifty cents. I went with him on Crooked street where Sarlandt was, and after they told me that it was more than three miles to Sarlandt's home I refused to go. They told me that the officer had told them that they would have to move him way from there and I finally agreed to take them out to the car barn. They put Sarlandt in the back and Kennedy got in on one side of him and Curtiss on the other side and Gautier took the bicycle. When they took Sarlandt out of the back at the car barn they carried his body and dragged his feet. All three of the defendants went over near the car barn where Sarlandt was."

When the afternoon session convened Clyde Kennedy was placed on the stand, and after telling of accidentally meeting with Sarlandt, Gautier and Curtiss on South Prant street he said "We bought a half pint of whiskey from a colored man in front of W. F. Hill's place. After drinking that Sarlandt told us to go with him and he would get some whiskey that was better than that. When we got to Crooked street I asked Sarlandt how much further it was and he told me it was that little shop a little ways down the street. He told us to stay on the outside while he went in and got the whiskey. When we got to the place we stopped outside and Sarlandt went in Neal Bryant's shop. After being in there a little while he came out and went across the street, returning a few minutes later. When he came back he handed all the week and he would not