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Record after record fell before his methodical flight. Dusk came, darkness fell, and the twinkling lights appeared in the villages on the distant hills. Lanterns were hung on the towers, marking the limits of the course and shone by beacons set for the mariner at sea.

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The crowds in the stand waited patiently, content that all records had been broken. Finally at 7:20 o'clock the announcement was made that the timing of the aeroplane had ended under the rules. Ten minutes more and suddenly out of the darkness a ghostly thing appeared in front of the tribune and came to earth on the starting line.

France Celebrates Victor.

# MORTALLY WOUNDS MAN

## ST. LOUISAN SHOTS TO KILL

### SEEKS LIFE OF WEALTHY MANUFACTURER AFTER HEARING STATEMENT FROM WIFE WHICH HE REFUSES TO DIVULGE.

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Snider used a shotgun, which he reloaded and fired a second time at Denny before the latter fell or could locate the assailant. As he fell Snider again reloaded the weapon, and, standing off a crowd of twenty-five or thirty men which was attracted by the shooting,

He was arrested tonight at his home and admitted shooting.

"Denny knows why I shot him and can tell if he will," was Snider's answer to deputy sheriffs in reply to a question when asked his motive.

The county authorities discovered that Snider got the gun and went to Denny's office and tried to kill him after a statement had been made to him by his young wife, who had been taken from an orphan's home and lived in the Denny family several years before Snider married her.

#### Snider Refuses to Make Statement.

Three weeks ago a child was born to the Sniders and only yesterday Mrs. Snider returned from a hospital. All attempts on the part of the county authorities to obtain from Snider a statement as to his wife's confidences have failed.

Denny, who is 28 years old, disapproved of the Snider courtship and opposed the marriage. Mrs. Snider has been on the verge of collapse since the shooting and unable to make a statement.

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