

Aeroplane Accident at Sutton.

Dropping 1,200 feet when the aeroplane failed to come out of a short tail spin, Brian Karr, 19, son of Alex Karr of Jamestown, editor of Community Life, and prominent Chautauqua lecturer, was killed late Sunday afternoon at Sutton, and Lieut. Ed Axberg, Enderlin aviator, escaped with slight injuries.

Mr. Karr's legs were broken and his body was badly contused. Eight men removed the body from the wrecked machine. He died an hour and a half later at the Viking hotel in Sutton, failing to regain consciousness.

Lieutenant Axberg was the first to be removed from the machine. He was unconscious for a few minutes, but recovered and directed in the work of removing his passenger from the debris. The machine was left in the field, south of Sutton, a mass of twisted wires and splinters.

One of the first to reach the scene after the aeroplane crashed into the soft field was James A. Moore, of Enderlin, a salesman, who had left for Sutton with repairs for Lieutenant Axberg's machine.

Swathed in bandages covering his head and his right arm, Lieutenant Axberg reached Fargo Sunday evening and left there Monday morning for his home at Enderlin. In describing the accident he said it was caused by a gust of wind which caught one of the wings of the machine as he was attempting to bring it out of a tail spin, which prevented the wing from working properly. The machine crashed to the earth nose first. A portion of the front of the aeroplane struck Brian Karr.

There were a few young men who had been booked for "stunts" in addition to their rides, and four or five passengers had been taken up on the stunt flights, Brian Karr being the last one booked for such flights for the afternoon.

The aviator claimed that the air conditions seemed perfect for maneuvering, and a large crowd had gathered to watch the flights which he made with the different passengers over Sutton.

Brian Karr stepped into the machine about 4:40 o'clock in the afternoon. Straight flights were made for about 20 minutes, when they commenced the stunts.

According to the aviator they were about through when his passenger motioned for more stunts. He decided to give a short tail spin before landing, so turned the nose of the machine toward the heavens and then whipped the machine into the right angle for the spin. For some reason, possibly due to an air current, the aeroplane would not come out of the tail spin, but spun downward toward the earth.

Lieutenant Axberg said that he knew disaster was in sight and that he tried to right the wings of the plane, but to no avail.

Alex Karr, father of the dead young man, was advised of his son's death and came to Sutton from Courtenay to take home the remains.

Brian Karr was Mr. Karr's youngest son, and was born at Milton, on July 30, 1900. He was well known by North Dakotans who for years have attended the summer Chautauquas at Spiritwood lake, near Jamestown. He is survived by two brothers; William Karr at Spiritwood lake and Gordon Karr at Camp Merritt, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. John Bloomberg, of Courtenay. His mother is at Dresden, Ontario, and is expected to attend the funeral.

Lieutenant Axberg's right wrist may be broken, and he received a bad cut over the left eye. He had purchased his machine this spring.