

Fatal Airplane Accident at Sutton

Ed. Axberg, an aviator of Enderlin, was in Sutton Saturday and Sunday, and was kept busy giving people ten-minute air trips in his biplane. Sunday afternoon he made several spectacular flights, going through the nose dive, loop the loop and other evolutions. Finally he made a trip with Brian Karr, the nineteen year old son of Alex Karr, the Chautauqua man, and was to finish the trip with a tail spin, but for some reason, possibly due to an air current, the aeroplane would not come out of the tail spin, but crashed to earth. Brian Karr was so injured that he died shortly after the fall, but Mr. Axberg, though rendered unconscious by the fall, soon recovered and was able to direct the work of removing the body of his passenger from the wreckage. The plane was shattered to splinters.

When interviewed by the Forum at Fargo the next morning, Mr. Axberg explained that in making the tail spin the plane had entered a little gust of wind. The wind caught the wing and helped it around instead of letting it out. The fall, he estimated, was from a height of 1200 feet.