

VERNON CASTLE DIES IN FALL OF AIRSHIP

Former Star Dancer Perishes While Instructing Cadet at Benbrook Field.

PLANE FAILS TO RESPOND

Aviator Who Was in Same Machine Escapes Practically Uninjured. Dead Man Once Popular Figure on American Stage.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 15.—Captain Vernon Castle, famous dancer and member of the Royal Flying Corps, fell to his death at Benbrook flying field today, sacrificing his own life to save that of a fellow aviator.

Captain Castle, who has been acting as an aviation instructor here, met death in an attempt to avert a collision with another plane, which was making a landing near him at what is known as a "blind angle."

Castle saw a collision was imminent and "zoomed up" 75 feet, but at such a sharp angle that his engine died, allowing the plane to turn on its side, then plunge nose downward to earth.

It is believed that if Castle had been 20 feet higher he would have had time to make a safe landing.

The cadet with whom he was flying was only slightly injured. Captain Castle was one of the best-known men on the aviation field. A military funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. His body will be sent to New York for burial. A detachment from the Royal Flying Corps will go as a escort of honor.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 15.—The death of Captain Vernon Castle while flying at Fort Worth was the fifth in the aviation camps in that city within a week.

The increase in fatalities is attributed to the fact that the winter greatly increased flying that has come with the advent of warm spring days and to the fact that the students are reaching a stage where they fly alone.

ROYAL CORPS MORE DARING

The Royal Flying Corps cadets are encouraged to make more daring and dangerous flights than the American students, and the danger factor is increased by the greater number of airplanes that are in the air during practice times.

The fatalities this week at Fort Worth began Monday with the accident to Lieutenant Peyton C. March, Jr., son of the chief of staff of the United States Army, who fell 1,800 feet at Camp Bowie, receiving injuries from which he died the following day.

On Tuesday, Cadets J. L. Wray and F. H. Porter were killed. Yesterday Clifford N. Murray, a cadet, fell to his death.

There was one fatality at the camp at Wichita Falls this week and one at Houston, when Donald Gleason was killed.

Today's brings the total fatalities at Fort Worth to 51, as compared with seven at Houston, three at San Antonio, two at Wichita Falls and one each at Dallas and Waco.

IMMENSE TESTS INVENTION

The Imbelman turbine in which Captain Castle met his death, was named after Lieutenant Imbelman, the German flier, who downed many allied airplanes before being shot himself, according to flying officers.

"It is a combination turn and twist while diving," said an aviation officer. "Captain Castle evidently got caught under and around the other machine but was too close to clear his own."

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Captain Castle's body will be brought to New York with a detachment of the Royal Flying Corps as a escort. The body will be taken to a full military honors will be accorded the dead aviator.

Mrs. Castle was so affected by the news of her husband's death that a physician was summoned to attend her.

Vernon Castle has a national reputation as a dancer. His home was here. He was born in Norwich, England, May 2, 1887. His right name was Vernon Blythe.

Soon after receiving his aviator license he sailed from New York for England to join the British aerial service. In March, 1914, he was appointed a temporary lieutenant in the British Royal Flying Corps.

Castle returned from the French front in April, 1915, and joined the Royal Flying Corps in Canada as an instructor with the rank of captain.

The following month he was reported to have had a narrow escape from death in an accident while flying at Camp Mohawk. The cadet who was flying with Captain Castle in the machine at the time was killed.

When a Canadian contingent of the flying corps was transferred to Texas last Fall for winter training, Captain Castle went with it as an instructor.

Wife Motion Picture Star. Mrs. Castle is one of the star actresses of a motion picture concern. While both the Castles gained their reputation chiefly as dancers, both have had stage careers. They established a dancing school here called "Castle House," where they taught the modern dances such as the "rag" and the "fox trot" and attracted a clientele among the leaders of New York society.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—A cablegram received at Yale last night stated that "first Lieutenant Frank Bruce Turner, 17, of Wilcombe, Me., was killed by an airplane fall in France February 3. Turner left college before his senior year ended, joined the New York Naval Militia and was transferred to the aviation section of the Signal Corps.

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BELGIANS TO STRIKE

People Wrought Up Over Arrest of Presidents.

GERMANS FIRE ON CROWDS

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British Front in Palestine Is Advanced Two Miles.

WEST FRONT SEES ACTION

German Lines Pierced by French Troops and Prisoners Taken. Violent Night Fire Reported Along Meuse River.

ALAND ISLAND RELIEF PLANNED

Bolsheviki Official Will Try to Stop Russian Violence.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15.—At the request of the Swedish government, M. Borovsky-Odovsky, the Bolsheviki representative here, will leave for the Aland islands today on board a warship to induce the Russian soldiers to stop their acts of violence against the inhabitants.

The Russians also will be asked to leave the islands of Swedish vessels.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Great quantities of arms and ammunition bound for Finland have been seized in the harbor of Stockholm, the Social Democrats of Stockholm, says, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. Half a million cartridges, it is said, were delivered there to the order of an alleged private individual. The workmen at the Vesteras factory have informed the government that they will stop work if exportation of munitions is permitted.

Two Statesmen Reported Once Humble Tollers in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—M. Mirsky, a member of the Lenin-Trotsky cabinet, was at one time a laborer in this city, according to the Russian Consulate here, who said he visited Mirsky's passport when he returned to Russia.

Saonowsky said that M. Scheroff, a Bolsheviki delegate to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, was formerly an elevator boy in San Francisco.

REPUTATION STIRS DUTCH Holland Suggests Other Neutrals Act in Regard to Russian Loans.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.—Holland has suggested to the other neutrals that they take joint action in respect to the reputation by the Bolsheviki of Russia's foreign loans. Foreign Minister London has informed a deputy.

Spain, said the Minister, already has consented in principle and replies are expected shortly from Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries.

ROUMANIAN PEACE HINTED AT Berlin Advises Say Negotiations About to Be Opened.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—Berlin newspapers of Thursday evening intimate that peace negotiations with Roumania are about to be opened.

They say although no official communication has been issued, it may be assumed that Roumanian negotiators who will first discuss a prolongation of the armistice have arrived at a place agreed upon.

Prince to Enter House of Lords.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Prince of Wales, who automatically became a member of the House of Lords on attaining his majority, but who did not take his seat, will do so next Tuesday, according to the Times.

To Prevent the Grip Colds cause GRIP-AXATIN. BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. They only use "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c.—Adv.

Lambs Die of Indigestion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Deaths of 325 lambs in a stockyard here were

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LIUENT. BAGLEY TO MARRY

Bride-to-be Miss Marie L. Harrington, of Colusa, Cal.

LABORERS MAY BE DRAFTED

Voluntary Service for Public Works Proposed by Government.

ROME, Feb. 15.—A decree has been promulgated providing for voluntary national service for agriculture, industry and public works.

The government reserves to itself the right to resort to compulsion in event volunteers do not come forward in sufficient numbers.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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Lablache Face Powder at.....	39c
Diana Face Powder at.....	39c
Pond's Vanishing Cream at.....	19c
Woodbury's Soap priced at.....	22c
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Palm Olive Soap, the cake.....	10c
Large bar Castile Soap at.....	35c

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