

TRAGEDY OF THE AIR - - The Marquis de Pinedo, one of Italy's most distinguished airmen, meets with awful disaster in take-off for attempt on long-distance record.

-New York-

Picture:-

A vivid cinematic record of the attempt of the Marquis de Pinedo--

--to start on a non-stop Trans-Atlantic flight.

In the first few yards he skids off the run-way, recovers, and gets back on his course. The attempt to take-off lifts him just above the ground, and only just ! It seems obvious that the machine carries too heavy a load for successful flight and handling. He's close to the ground ! He's still close to the ground, and heading directly for a fence - - and a bad crash ! - - (EFFECTS).

The famous Italian flyer never had a chance. He must have--

--known his danger for some seconds before the actual disaster.

Watch the cars backing away from the terrific heat. One thousand gallons--

--of petrol ablaze, and in the--

--centre - - a man ! The funeral pyre of a gallant aviator.

(EFFECTS - 2 SHOTS).

Fire-brigade hoses are useless against the intense heat. No fireman can approach close enough for the jets to make--

--any effect on this inferno--

--of flame. At last it dies down, and the charred--

--remains of the aviator are dragged from the wreckage. A shocking end to a brave life !