

"Spider" Slips and Falls, Pinning Workmen Be- neath It

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Five Babcock-Wilcox workmen narrowly escaped death late yesterday afternoon, when the steel "spider" frame on which they were working inside one of the large cone-shaped sections of pipe, slipped and fell, pinning them between the "spider" and the section.

At the time the accident occurred, the five men were working on a girth assembly of the section.

The injured men were extricated by fellow workmen and rushed to the Boulder City hospital for treatment. Latest word from the hospital stated all men were resting comfortably.

The "spider" is similar in construction and purpose to the "jumbos" used in tunnel construction, and the men work the pipe from the various levels of the "spider".

How it happened to slip, was a mystery, Babcock-Wilcox officials said today.

Those injured together with the extent of their injury, follows:

Ray Terry, who sustained a frontal fracture of the skull, and who was this morning reported to be resting comfortably.

Howard Settle, who sustained a laceration of the scalp, and who was discharged from the hospital today.

Brigham Randall, who has a fracture of the spine. Randall has been placed in a plaster cast, and will probably recover.

Clarence Harrison, who suffered injuries to the chest. It is expected that Harrison will be confined to the hospital for a week or ten days.

Anders Larson suffered a contusion of the left thigh, and it is expected that he will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.