

# BIG DRAG NOSES INTO RIVER; IDLE FOR NEXT MONTH

A big Marion electric drag, worth a small fortune, took a nose dive into the Colorado river at 5:30 o'clock last evening and lies submerged 30 feet under water.

Whether or not the massive piece of machinery felt that it was overworked and sought "the easiest way out," will, of course, remain unanswered. However, dam workers who witnessed the disappearance of the outfit place the blame on the turbulent stream, and are confident that it will be salvaged and again in operation within the next few weeks.

The drag had been loaded onto a barge and was being transported across the river to be used on the Arizona side. The barge nosed into the bank, just upstream from the earthwork barrier, which confines the stream to half its channel. The current slid the rear end of the barge toward the bank. The barge tilted, the drag sliding into the river. Only a slight ripple on the surface of the water disclosed its resting place.

That the drag will be numbered among the unemployed until about Thanksgiving, is the statement made by dam officials, who expect to have the river diverted into the tunnel by that date.

It is believed that the machinery will have suffered little from its experience, and except for the replacement of the motor, probably will be in as good working condition as ever.