

# EICHLEAY PIPE FIRM EMPLOYEE KILLED IN BORE

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## BULLETIN

Richard M. Whelan, Eichleay Engineering company employe, injured in an accident in the penstock tunnel this morning, died this afternoon after lingering between life and death most of the day.

One man, Martin L. Hempel, 22, is dead and three others are injured, two of them seriously, as a result of an accident at six o'clock this morning which occurred in number four penstock incline tunnel on the Nevada side of the river. All of the injured men are employes of the Eichleay Engineering corporation which is installing the steel pipe in the penstock tunnels for the Babcock and Wilcox company.

The crew was hauling a special car up the incline, the car used in the placing of 13-foot diameter steel penstock pipes. The car had reached a point in the incline where the rigging was changed. The car was "tied off" preparatory to making a new connection with the hauling tackle. The tie-off line, after holding for nearly an hour, failed and allowed the heavy car bearing the pipe to slide down the penstock incline, carrying the men with it. Hempel's neck was broken, and he sustained a fractured skull.

RICHARD M. WHELAN, 36, a married man, who resides at 634 Avenue B., sustained a skull fracture, a broken leg, and a broken arm. Whelan's condition is said by staff members of the Boulder City hospital to be critical.

William Van Ditto, 35, married, and residing at 506 Avenue M., sustained an injury to the back and an injured left foot. Van Ditto's condition is not thought to be of a serious nature.

Raymond Dodd, 23 years of age, unmarried, sustained a skull fracture. His condition is serious.

ALL OF THE injured men are being treated at the Boulder City hospital of Six Companies Inc.