

Electricity Blamed For Loper Plunge

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That Bert Loper, 23-year-old employe of Six Companies Inc. on the Boulder dam, came to his death on November 17 "as a result of a crushed skull and other injuries received in a fall of some 60 feet from the Boulder dam powerhouse on the Nevada side" was the verdict of the coroner's jury following a lengthy inquiry into the circumstances of the accident, directed by Coroner Marion B. Earl.

"We further find that this fall was caused by an electric shock received from an electric rail when the current was turned on without warning," the verdict stated.

Loper was instantly killed Sun-Sunday when he fell from the powerhouse, where he was working as a painter for Six Companies Inc.