

ALL OF TWELVE INJURED FRIDAY WILL RECOVER, DOCTORS STATE

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Other Six Still in Hospital But Are Reported As Resting Easily

All twelve Boulder workmen variously injured in an accident while riding up the down-stream face of the structure on the "monkey-slide" were getting along nicely today, according to official reports from the Boulder City hospital, and barring complications, none will suffer permanent disability, attending physicians stated.

Six of the men were released from the hospital last evening after minor wounds were cared for, and their six companions were still being ministered to by physicians and nurses today, and were scheduled to be confined for several days yet.

THE TWELVE men, all on the swing shift, were riding the slide to work on top of the dam at 3:45 in the afternoon. They had reached a point about 150 feet above the ground, when the clutch controlling the cable which operates the slide, started slipping.

Instead of continuing its upward course, the slide started slipping down by jerks, and finally slid approximately forty feet before the engineer in charge caught it with the brake.

According to the report of the accident, the brake was put on too quickly, breaking the fall so suddenly as to throw the men violently against the pipe railing on the rear of the platform.

THE FORCE was so great, the railing gave way, and the men were catapulted fifteen feet downward onto extended pieces of reinforcing steel, in place on one of "steps" which are to provide the foundation for the power house.

Those injured and the extent of their injuries are as follows:

George Rithie, laborer, left wrist cut; head injuries; 2 broken ribs.

George Finkler, carpenter, broken left leg.

B. L. Kemper, mechanic, injuries to pelvis, back and right leg.

George Rath, carpenter, contusions on the back.

P. S. Farnell, laborer, badly sprained ankle.

Jack Nider, pipe-fitter, six broken ribs, injuries to face; broken collar-bone; back injuries; probable internal injuries.

A. L. Cukrel, welder-helper, impaled on piece of reinforcing steel thru fleshy part of thigh.

John Preston, concrete finisher, lacerations on right hand, right

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leg and nose badly cut.

R. V. Blair, welder, lacerations to leg and elbow.

C. Fuller, T. A. Crisler, and W. J. Heffelfinger, bruises and minor lacerations.

Nider was the most seriously hurt of the twelve, but barring serious internal injuries, should recover, according to attending physicians. He was getting along nicely today, it was stated, and had shown no signs of any complications.

THE LAST six of the above named workmen, were discharged from the hospital last evening, and the others spent a restful night.

The accident, because of the large number of men involved, was characterized as the most serious since the project started.

According to Six Companies officials, the control of all slides used on the project, is protected by two clutches and two brakes, against serious accidents, and the wreck yesterday was ascribed to the action of the engineer in charge in putting on the brake too quickly.

The capacity of the slide is 20 men, and there were 12 on board at the time.