

BLAST INJURES DAM WORKMAN SUNDAY

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BOULDER CITY, Jan. 9.—Howard Cornelius, Six Companies employe, working on the graveyard shift, was seriously injured Sunday night as a result of a blast from a "missed hole" which was accidentally discharged when a shovel, situated on a bench at the adit entering penstock tunnel No. 2 struck the powder hole, causing it to explode.

Cornelius, who was employed as an oiler, was working on the shovel when he was caught by a barrage of falling rocks, sustaining a fractured skull and many cuts and bruises on his face and head.

His companion, a "shovel runner," was also hit on the forehead, causing a minor laceration on his right eye. After first aid treatment, however, he was able to return to his work.

Cornelius' working companions rushed to his assistance following the blast and he was rushed to the hospital. Because of the seriousness of his injuries, grave doubts were expressed as to whether or not he

would recover.

It was supposed that the shovel hit the primer, causing the explosion. Little damage was done to the shovel.

Cornelius had been at work about 30 minutes when the accident occurred.