

# Probe Reveals Strange Circumstances Of Accident Which Took Worker's Life

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The true story of the accident in which John Owen Lee, Boulder Dam workman met his death by electrocution last week, revealed yesterday one of the strangest set of circumstances on record.

Lee was driving the truck in one of the diversion tunnels, which carried a pump being used to pump out the water that had seeped thru following the floods of a few days before. The pump was run from an electric motor, the shaft of which protruded several inches beyond the end of the frame work. Power to operate the motor was secured from three wire circuits tapped in one the overhead wires.

In maneuvering the truck around

one of the wires came to rest against the whirling shaft of the motor, eventually wearing away the insulation, and grounding the circuit into the body of the truck. The rubber tires stopped the current from continuing on into the floor of the tunnel, but when Lee stepped out of the truck, touching the ground with his foot while still holding onto a handle alongside the cab of the truck, he furnished a perfect conductor for the electricity and was almost instantly killed.

The truck was charged with electricity in such a manner that any person touching it would have suffered a like fate, those who investigated the accident said.