

DAM WORKER IS KILLED IN FREAK ACCIDENT TODAY

Form Gives Way, Dumps
Tons Of New Concrete
On Him; Another Hurt

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W. A. Jameson, 38, veteran Boulder Dam worker, was at the wrong place at the wrong instant, about 3:30 this morning, and as a result is believed to have been swept to his death at the bottom of the "slot" thru the center of the dam structure when a form on column J-13 gave way sending a shower of freshly placed concrete pouring down, sweeping away scaffolding, water and refrigeration pipes as it went.

Jameson was engaged in carrying a heavy timber from the upper end of the dam structure to the lower, walking at the head end, with W. J. Hammond bringing up the rear.

SHORTLY AFTER their arrival at the lower end of the slot, which is a narrow alley-way from the up-stream end of the dam to the downstream end extending at present from the top of the concrete to bedrock below, the wooden form

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form, scaffolding, and pipes carried away in the slide.

A crew of men was immediately dispatched to the scene to search for the unfortunate Jameson, but up to three o'clock this afternoon, his body had not been located.

Hammond, who was knocked down by the force of the blow, was taken to the Boulder City Company hospital suffering from multiple bruises on his thighs and legs, and severe shock.

ALL HE remembered of the accident was that he and Jameson were carrying the timber together when without warning the concrete let loose. He did not actually see Jameson swept into the slot, but said he was directly in the path of the concrete as it fell. A check-up of his crew failed to reveal any trace of Jameson and it is believed that his body will be found in the debris carried down early this morning.

JAMESON WAS single, and had

been working on the dam project since April 17, 1931, coming from Winston-Salem, North Carolina where a sister, Mrs. J. P. Alexander, named as his nearest relative resides. He was a member of Boulder City American Legion post and resided in the dormitories.