

Cement Man Denies Ickes' "Trust" Tale

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"There is no disposition on the part of any of the major cement companies to hold up the government for the product that's going into the Boulder dam," Jack Allen, representative of the Riverside Portland Cement company, one of the major Pacific coast producers, said this morning in discussing the recent statement of Secretary of Interior Ickes that a combination had been formed to boost the price to the government.

"The fact of the matter is, that the cement going into the Boulder dam is a special kind, known as the 'low-heat' type, and that has always commanded a higher price," he declared.

Allen denied also that all companies bidding on the cement had submitted the same bid, and said "there must be some mistake about this."