

Rescued By Woody Williams Who Swims Out To Them With Rope

NOT BADLY INJURED

Shout To Fellow Workmen To Get Help To Portal As They Fall

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Shouting "We're coming thru tunnel number one, look for us," three Boulder dam workmen plunged 100 feet into the rushing waters of diversion tunnel number one early this morning, and rode the flood half a mile to safety on the sand bar at the lower portal, being rescued from this point by Woody Williams, assistant construction superintendent, who braved the racing river to swim out with a rope.

The trio, Bill F. Partain, carpenter foreman, and J. F. Armstrong and Jack McPhee, carpenters, were setting forms about one o'clock this morning in the raise leading from the diversion tunnel to the Nevada spillway, when sections of the form gave way, dumping them into the swirling waters of the river below.

AS THEY FELL, they shouted to their fellow workmen to have help at the portals and dropped approximately 100 feet into thirty feet of water.

McPhee hit the water just ahead of the falling lumber, and was battered considerably as it struck him

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about the head and shoulders, while Partain and Armstrong were less seriously bruised.

All three men were able to swim, and this, with the aid of the 'floating pieces of the forms enabled them to ride the river to the port where they managed to land on a sand bar nearby.

WILLIAMS TIED a rope around waist and courageously battled raging waters to the sand bar, fastened the rope to the three

men, ready hands on the bank hauling them to safety.

McPhee was the most seriously injured of the three, receiving multiple injuries the exact nature of which had not been determined up to noon today.

All three will recover with no permanent ill effects to remind them of their sensational adventure, attending physicians predicted this afternoon.