

# D. F. Reckhart Is Killed By Switch Engine



**D. F. RECKHART**, of Reckhart's Independent Assay office, 305½ San Francisco street, was killed shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, when he was struck, near the Smelter, by a Santa Fe switch engine.

The accident occurred near the high bridge over the Rio Grande.

Identification was established at 2:30 a. m. through a post office box key found on the body.

Coroner R. B. Rawlins will hold an inquest this morning.

Mr. Reckhart is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eva L. Reckhart, and a sister, Irene, clerk at the city water works. His father, D. W. Reckhart, a pioneer of El Paso, died a few years ago.

# Midnight Trip Ends Fatally For El Pasoan

**D. F. Reckhart Badly  
Mangled In Rail  
Accident.**

A midnight inspection of the smelter ended fatally for D. F. Reckhart, 30, of Reckhart's Independent Assay office, 305½ San Francisco street, when he was mangled beneath the wheels of a Santa Fe switch engine at 1 a. m. Monday.

Mr. Reckhart, with two companions, W. M. Dykes, 1129 East San Antonio street, and William Rattenberg, 607 North Florence street, went to the smelter about midnight to watch the night shift at work, and to talk with some friends who worked at the plant.

The trio started walking back into the city when they discovered that the automobile, which had taken them to the smelter, was gone. Seeing a switch engine, the men decided to "catch a ride."

After the switch engine had reached the end of the switch, Mr. Dykes and Mr. Rattenberg discovered that Mr. Reckhart had missed the engine, so they jumped off the locomotive and started back to meet him. As the engine started back the other way, they "hopped another ride," jumping off when they saw their companion.

Mr. Reckhart must have slipped, his friends said. His body, badly mangled, was found lying beside the right-of-way, near the tallest Southern Pacific bridge, near the smelter.

The body was taken to Peak-Hagedon's mortuary, where it is being held pending funeral arrangements.

Justice of the peace Ware, of the smelter district, will hold an inquest Monday, it was said.

Mr. Reckhart was reared in El Paso, and was well known here. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eva L. Reckhart, and a sister, Irene Reckhart, a clerk for the city water works. His father, D. W. Reckhart, a pioneer of El Paso, died several years ago.

The deceased was a world war veteran. He attended the Roswell military institute and the School of Mines at Socorro, N. M.

Funeral services will be held at the Peak-Hagedon chapel Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. Angie Smith, pastor of Trinity Methodist church will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery. The pall bearers will be Phil Merrill, E. Donaldson, Arthur Weiss, Sam Dwyer, Edward Moore and John Rattenburg.