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ADVENTUROUS PASSAGE.

The Trials of the Engineering Party

Engaged in the Survey of the Salt River Through the Canyon to Tonto Basin.

A private letter was received yesterday from W. A. Farish, the chief engineer on the Hudson Reservoir and Irrigation company's survey, detailing the adventures and difficulties attending the passage of the eighteen miles of canyon between the diversion dam and the exit of the river from Tonto Basin.

Last Monday afternoon one of the canvas boats employed in the passage was overturned and the occupants were thrown into the water. When the boat was finally recovered two of the ribs were found to be smashed and the boat otherwise nearly rendered unserviceable. Here another unforeseen difficulty was encountered. The party could not travel all night and it was necessary to find a camping spot. The nearly precipitous sides of the canyon were scaled and the search for a spot sufficiently level for camping purposes occupied nearly five hours.

Mr. Farish writes that the survey of the river bed will be completed to the basin by June 8.

