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ZOOM VERSION

An accident occurred at the crossing on Salt river yesterday morning by which the skiff used in transferring the mail and passengers was upset and its contents dumped into the water. The skiff generally leaves the shore a little behind the cable ferry and follows it across the stream, but yesterday morning the two boats started from the shore at the same time, and when a little way out in the stream they collided, upsetting the smaller boat. The three passengers who were in the skiff jumped aboard the cable boat and

escaped getting wet. The boatman, Higin Bernal, was less fortunate, and he, together with six sacks of mail and Wells, Fargo & Co's treasure box were thrown into the stream. The treasure box was so light that it floated on the surface and was soon recovered. Four sacks of mail were picked up during the day but the two sacks containing the letter mail had not been found at last accounts yesterday evening, although diligent search was being made for them. Quite a number of valuable letters are known to have been in the sacks, and the search for them will be kept up until they are recovered, if recovery is at all possible. This is the first accident that has occurred in transferring mails over Salt river, and as the new ferry is so near completed, it is to be hoped it will be the last.

