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their boat drifted out to Lake Mead, some hundreds of miles farther down with the provisions intact, most of their material intact, but the couple were not in it, and they have never been seen since. President Coolidge took an interest in the case, and much effort was made to learn what happened to them. but no discovery was made. It's easy to imagine what did happen. They were in the boat. They would drift down the ~~river~~ river in daytime; when night came they'd find a place where there was a little beach instead of a cliff coming next to the river; there they would pull the boat up on to the shore/^{a little ways;}~~shore~~; they'd go up a little farther; they'd put down their sleeping bags; they would take out of the boat whatever they wanted to eat that night, or to use during the night, and there they would sleep. And the next morning they would get into their boat again. But one night, unknown to them, during the previous day it had rained some hundreds of miles upstream. Where they were it was bright and sunny and clear; but up there there had been a big rain storm and, as happens every now and then down there, that rain water came pouring down and that water within a short time raised its level ten feet. And it reached up to where the boat was, and drifted the boat out and the boat went drifting on. And they were left on this little beach with a straight cliff on this side ~~nothing~~ and on this side without their provisions, without their supplies. And they had to try to get out. And so they walked up and they found a gully they were able to climb up and get up quite a distance, and then they got to a more level section. And then there they found different little side canyons opening this way, this way, this way, this way, and they didn't know which to take; and they took one of them. And they went up and they walked for about a day, making their way through brush, and through all sorts of material there, climbing up and up; and then they came to a dead end