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Up noon — wrote bus. let. — SH return — out to Tiffany & P.O. — home & read — retired.

Levé midi. Courrier administratif. Sonia revient. On sort au Tiffany puis à la Poste. Retour maison, lecture. Couché.

Courrier administratif pour Sonia ? Reprise de la lettre suite à la petite annonce d'hier et dépôt officiel à la Poste ? En accompagnant ces notes répétitives, on va à tâtons. S'il s'agissait de produire une anthologie en 365 extraits de la vie américaine en 1925, ce serait un objet mort. Pourtant, chaque fois le journal *répond* : elles sont où, aujourd'hui, les « Filles de la Révolution », et que voient de notre présent les quatre fondatrices de 1890 ? Juste une ligne et demie pour nous aujourd'hui, moral bas au 189 Clinton Street ? Peut-être que cela tient au brouillard, dont on a témoignage par ces deux bateaux en détresse, dont un près de Nantucket. De l'autorisation de fumer ou pas dans les prisons pour femmes, et une petite lucarne qui s'ouvre sur celle d'Albany. Consolation, les mots croisés c'est bon pour la santé. Est-ce que vous vous souvenez des annuaires téléphoniques, avec ceux de tous les départements (et les Pages Jaunes) sur tringle basculable dans les bureaux de Poste ? Retour sur l'annuaire New York : 300 entrées en 1878, 1 400 000 en 1925 ! *The North and the Negro* : de l'aspect positif de la venue des Noirs dans les villes du nord. 667 000 mariages à moins de seize ans : réaction sociale enclenchée. Monsieur lit, madame coud : de la publicité pour les ampoules électriques à la maison.

New York Times, 9 mars 1925. De Washington, le 8 mars. Une campagne d'information sur les lieux historiques de chaque État vient d'être lancé par les Filles de la Révolution Américaine (*Daughters of the American Revolution*), qui y voient la meilleure méthode d'apprendre l'histoire. Les chambres de commerce et les associations d'automobilistes de chaque État sont invitées à attirer l'attention des touristes et voyageurs sur ces sites, de les indiquer sur les cartes routières pour que les automobilistes puissent les rejoindre le plus facilement possible. « Soigneusement indiqués et préservés », a insisté Mme L B Gillentine, la présidente du Comité pour la Préservation des Sites Historiques, en annonçant cette campagne. De nombreux États en ont déjà compris l'intérêt. L'Oregon est fier de son histoire et a rendu ses sites accessibles à tous. La Californie a reconnu depuis longtemps l'intérêt des anciennes missions espagnoles. Le Tennessee a fait depuis des années ses sites historiques des sujets de cours, et le Colorado a récemment pris conscience de son patrimoine naturel. Mme Gillentine a déclaré que les Filles de la Révolution avaient depuis plusieurs années commencé à répertorier les sites historiques rendus sacrés par la guerre d'Indépendance, et que l'association souhaite maintenant développer ce programme à tous les sites d'intérêt historiques de l'Amérique. « Ils sont nombreux, ceux qui pendant l'été visitent la Nouvelle-Angleterre,

Two Crippled Ships Send S O S Messages; One in Collision, Another in Fog Off Coast

Radio broadcasting stations all along the North Atlantic coast and as far inland as Chicago were shut down last night at 9:15 o'clock while navy, Coast Guard and other Government stations were endeavoring to get into communication with two ships which reported they were crippled. The vessels were the Holland steamer Aalsum off Nantucket, and the four-masted wooden schooner DeWitt Brown off Scotland lightship. The Aalsum reported that she had been in collision with the steamer Dannedalke of the United States Shipping Board in a fog twenty-five miles south of Nantucket.

"We are leaking badly, please come on board with your boats," read a message from the master of the Aalsum to the Dannedalke.

The Aalsum was still in communication at 11:30 P. M. with the radio station at Chatham, Mass., of the Radio Corporation of America, which first picked up the distress signals. She reported that the Dannedalke was standing by and that they were proceeding slowly to New York City. The Aalsum was leaking badly, according to the latest messages, which did not disclose what part of her hull was stove in or whether any one was injured.

Reporting that she was standing by, the Dannedalke's message, which was picked up by the Naval Communications Office, said an effort was being made at that time to stop water flowing into the Aalsum's hold. It added that the Coast Guard cutter Acushnet is "125

miles from scene of collision," and that the Dannedalke "is O. K."

The distress call from the DeWitt Brown gave her position as four miles south of Scotland Lightship, and said that she had lost all her sails and was taking water badly. Further than that it was not known what happened to the four-master. Apparently she had been struck by a squall.

Weather Bureau reports showed that the fog was very thick around Nantucket, but fortunately for the stricken Aalsum the wind was blowing only 12 miles off Nantucket and 10 miles at Block Island.

The Aalsum sailed from Hull on Feb. 18, under command of Captain Huff. She is a vessel of 3,205 tons, 420.5 feet long, 56.2 feet wide and draws 26.4 feet. She is equipped with two steam turbines. The Aalsum was built by A. Vuijik & Sons. Her home port is Amsterdam.

The DeWitt Brown is of 1,325 tons and is 207 feet long, 41.8 feet beam and 21.5 depth. She was built in 1918 by the Baxter Shipyards, Inc., Jacksonville, Fla., and is owned by the Traders Transportation Company, Inc. Her home port is Chicago.

The DeWitt Brown, commanded by Captain Churchill, sailed from Cienfuegos on Dec. 12 for Port St. Joe, where she arrived on Dec. 25. In January she was in port loading.

The following vessels were held off Sandy Hook at midnight by the dense fog: Robin Hood, San Francisco; Walter D. Munson, Havana; Manhattan (Br.), Antwerp; Lenape, Jacksonville and Charleston; Montana, Boston.

Won't Forbid Workhouse Women Smoking While It Is Practiced by Vassar Girls

ALBANY, N. Y., March 8.—Smoking is extensively indulged in by inmates of the Women's Workhouse on Welfare Island, New York City, an inspection report issued here tonight by the State Commission of Prisons discloses, but no recommendation that it be stopped is made, on the ground that "if a recent canvass of Vassar College showed nearly 50 per cent. of the girls to the manor born smoking, this is not surprising in the Women's Workhouse."

"This commission has taken no stand as yet on the question of women in prison smoking," the report continues, "only to warn matrons that no young girl who has never used tobacco should get into the habit while under their control."

"It would be well to let this subject of smoking lay over for the time being until it receives further careful study."

According to Warden Henry O. Schleib, the report adds, 39.3 per cent. of the Workhouse inmates used tobacco before being sentenced to the institution. The

report quotes a "former city official having much to do with delinquent boys and girls" as saying: "It is more important that youngsters should be taught not to lie and steal than that they should not be allowed to smoke."

"The outstanding and most gratifying feature of this and other institutions or women's prisons this year," the report adds, "is the pronounced decrease in the number of women serving time in our correctional and penal institutions. On this date (Dec. 27, 1924) there was not a single girl under 21 years of age in this institution."

"Many of the women in the workhouse smoke," said Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Correction, last night, in commenting on the Albany report, "and they are allowed to do so on the recommendation of physicians. A large number of them are recovering from addiction to drugs and intoxication, and the doctors have felt that smoking soothes their nerves while they are convalescing. But no one who has never used tobacco before admittance is permitted to incur the habit there."

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CHINATOWN GUARDED AS LEADER LIES DEAD

Chin Nom, Who Brought Peace Between Tongs, to Have Big Funeral Today.

While uniformed policemen were on guard every twenty feet along Mott Street and scores of detectives mingled with the Chinese crowds, the body of Chin Nom, a Chinese leader, lay in state at the Chinese Masonic Temple, 20 Mott Street, yesterday. He died Friday of pneumonia, after touring the country as mediator between the warring on Leong and Hip Sing tongs.

The funeral will be held at 1 P. M. today from the Masonic Temple. Chinatown expects it to be the largest Chinese funeral ever held in this country. It will be more than 100 automobiles filled with flowers ordered by telegraph from every city in the United States that boasts a Chinese section. Two American brass bands and a Chinese band will march in the cortege. At Evergreen cemetery both Masonic and Chinese burial services will be held. Chinese burial services are apprehensive lest the passions of Chin Nom and the tongs between the tongs. They admit that it was largely due to Nom's efforts that the On Leongs and Hip Sings agreed to forget their differences, temporarily at Captain Connely of the Oak Street police station, the two uniformed men on duty in the temple. Two others are posted outside the temple and there will be a large detail at the funeral.

Chin Nom was 69 years old and had lived in New York more than half a century. He came to the city in 1865 after starting an importing business sent for his future wife, Lee See. He is survived by his wife, two sons, 15 and 11 years old, and a married daughter.

He was head of the Chin family or clan, said to be the largest Chinese family in the world. He never joined any tong, but was recognized as the leading member of his race in this city. He was Master of the Chinese Masons of the Eastern District of the United States.

"The Devil Within" Hero March 16.

"The Devil Within," a mystery melodrama by Charles Horan, will be produced at the Hudson Theatre on Monday night, March 16, by Rock & Horan, Inc. The cast includes William Ingersoll, Helen Holmes, Elwood Boothwick, Mary Hall and Coates Gwynne.

"Crossworditis" Aids Health, Says Chicago City Bulletin

CHICAGO, March 8.—The Chicago Department of Health's weekly health bulletin, issued today, emphasized the benefit of crossword puzzles to general health and happiness. It was discussed under the title of "Crossworditis."

The causes and effects of "the savage little crossword puzzle microbe," the bulletin said, "may be largely explained by the fact that part of our lives and much energy must be put into amusement, to satisfy the play instinct within us. Therefore any play or game that has a mental 'kick' in it is quickly accepted and eagerly pursued."

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