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[[Note: 'Cygnet' written in red pencil vertically in left margin]]

Sept 20 Calm, clear undisturbed night and fine weather to start the day when we lifted anchor about 6:40 AM.

Passed thru the different new locks without any trouble whatsoever. Albert and I handling the boat easily. Lock tenders all friendly and locking "up" being very easy. Again that pretty stretch of Upper Hudson made navigable. Arrived at the first old lock, Northumberland (only one foot) at 12:00 then a long stretch on old canal during? we got lunch ready. Two or three times passed a long string of tows and had to use some caution ~~in locking~~ this also caused considerable delay.

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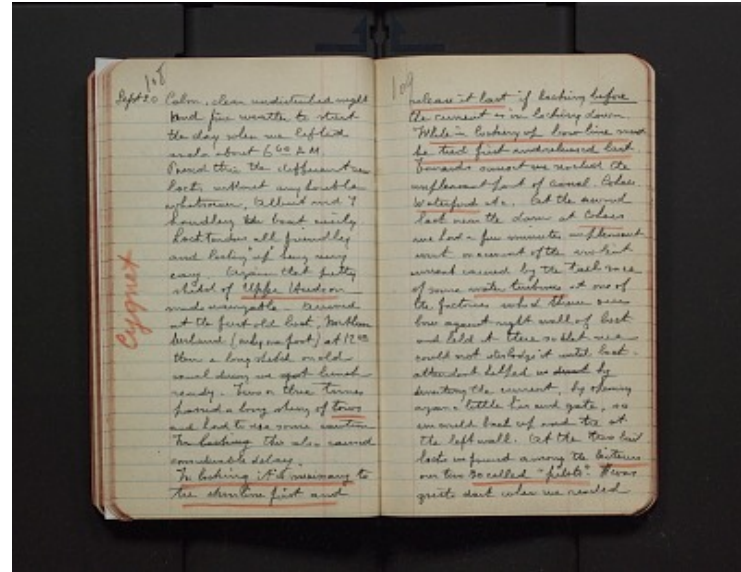
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release it last if locking

before the current as in locking down.

While in locking up bow line must be tied first and released last. Towards sunset we reached the unpleasant part of canal, Cohoes Waterford etc. At the second lock near the dam at Cohoes we had a few minutes unpleasant work on account of the violent current caused by the tail race of some water turbines at one of the factories which threw our bow against right wall of lock and held it there so that we could not dislodge it until lock attendant helped us ~~divrt~~ by diverting the current, by opening again a little his end gate, so we could back up and tie at the left wall. At the two last locks we found among the loiterers our two so called "pilots". It was quite dark when we reached



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