

# The Bulletin

Norwich, Monday, July 11, 1921.

## Terrifying Electrical Storm Hits City

### THE WEATHER.

**Conditions.**  
Clouds and local showers and thunder storms in the middle Atlantic and New England states have been attended by an appreciable moderation in temperature in these regions.

The weather will be generally cloudy Monday and Tuesday in these sections, with a probability of scattered local showers and no material change in temperature.

**Winds.**  
North of Sandy Hook: Moderate to fresh northeast and east; overcast, thick weather Monday.

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate northeast and east winds; overcast Monday.

**Forecast.**  
For New England and Eastern New York: Cloudy with local showers Monday and probably Tuesday; no change in temperature.

**Observations in Norwich.**  
The Bulletin's observations show the following changes in temperature and barometric changes Saturday and Sunday:

Saturday		Sunday	
7 a. m.	88 29.90	7 a. m.	88 30.00
12 m.	87 29.95	12 m.	87 30.00
5 p. m.	85 30.00	5 p. m.	85 30.00
Highest 84, lowest 83.		Highest 84, lowest 83.	

**Comparisons.**  
Predictions for Saturday: Local showers and probably thunder showers.  
Saturday's weather: Hard thunder showers in the morning, followed by cloudy and much humidity.  
Predictions for Sunday: Fair.  
Sunday's weather: Cloudy; much humidity.

### SUN, MOON AND TIDES.

Day	a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
11	4:24	7:22	5:18	11:12
12	4:25	7:21	5:17	11:11
13	4:26	7:20	5:16	11:10
14	4:27	7:19	5:15	11:09
15	4:28	7:18	5:14	11:08
16	4:29	7:17	5:13	11:07
17	4:30	7:16	5:12	11:06

Six hours after high water it is low water, which is followed by flood tide.

### TAFTVILLE

Miss Priscilla Taylor of New Haven has been the guest of her grandfather, Louis Thillingshaw of North Slaters Ave.

A number of Sisters of Charity from the local convent are at their annual retreat at the Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic.

Miss Malvina Goyette is spending three months visiting points of interest in Canada.

Donald Semino has resigned his position with the Penomah Co.

Miss Frances O'Connell who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wood for several months, has left town to make her home in Hartford, Conn.

Clinton Hanover, Conn., has accepted a position with the Penomah Co.

Mrs. Charles R. Adams and daughter, Edith, have been guests of Mrs. Alfred Linderson at her summer home in North-Stonington.

Charles Hammond of Taunton, Mass., has been a recent visitor in town.

Vacationists who are planning trips in Canada, are pleased with the present foreign exchange situation which nets them 15 per cent. bonus, on the exchange of American funds.

William Pollard of South Front street has been spending a few days in New York.

Thomas Holden of Norwich avenue is enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

Saturday's severe electrical storm burned out two motors in the No. 4 water shed of the Penomah Co. which forced the room to close down for the remainder of the forenoon.

Thomas Ingram has resigned his position with the Penomah Co. and has left town.

### NORWICH TOWN

Water from the Well of Bethlehem was the theme of Rev. Gurdon F. Bailey's sermon at the First Congregational church Sunday morning. The text was Chronicles 11: 17. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!

The Men's Forum convened at noon, with the topic for discussion The Sect of the Pharisees.

At the Young People's Christian Endeavor service at 8:30 the leader was Miss Marion L. Bailey. The topic was What is Our Reasonable Service? Rom. 12: 1-5.

Chief Quartermaster Robert Walls Sterry, who is stationed at Provincetown, Mass., for the summer, returned Sunday evening after passing the week and with his family. Mrs. Sterry with their infant son Kenneth recently spent two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coates, of Branford.

Returning with Mrs. Sterry was her brother, Lewis Coates, who will remain for a number of weeks.

Following a visit of a week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bushnell, of Scotland road, Mrs. Arthur Standish returned to her home in Colchester Sunday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell. Other guests at their home for a day recently were Mrs. Bushnell's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith (Edith Standish), of Saybrook.

Mrs. Harriet E. Brainard and daughter, Mrs. Lottie B. Edgcomb, Charles Gremley and son, Lawrence Gremley, all of Mystic, motored to Norwich Sunday afternoon and were callers at the home of Mrs. Brainard's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lamb.

Miss Hazel Louise Williams of Passaic, Cal., formerly of Norwich, is passing the summer with her father, Julian L. Williams, at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morgan Williams, of Washington street.

Mrs. Harry Vail and son Harold have returned after several days' visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Offens, of Mansfield Depot.

Accompanying them were Frances Vail and Jacquelin Nock, who have been passing three weeks with their grandparents.

Miss Gladys Belle Beabe has returned to her home on Scotland road after passing a week as a member of a house party at Lake Sunapee, N. H.

Dr. John H. Nichols, who recently moved to Norwich town, having formerly resided for several years in Davenport, Ia., has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. Theodore Smith has returned to her home in Baltic after passing several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Larkin of Town street.

Mrs. Larkin and infant son Joseph spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bisette, of Baltic.

Marborough-John M. Peter and family have gone on an automobile trip to Niagara Falls and Canada. Mrs. Peter's brother, Henry Cordes, Jr., accompanied them.

An electrical storm of great intensity and one of the most terrific that has visited Norwich in many years played over the city for nearly one hour Saturday morning, working havoc with the telephone lines, fire alarms and doing considerable damage to several buildings where the lightning struck. The storm broke shortly after 9 o'clock, coming from the northwest, and for an hour apparently hovered over the city seeking what it might destroy.

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Chief Stanton sent one company to Broad street and the other to Sachem street.

On the way to the Sachem terrace fire the Main street chemical was run into at the corner of Washington and Sachem streets by the automobile truck of William Stinson, a former member of the Norwich fire department. Driver John Lynch, who was at the wheel of the chemical, "stepped on it" when he saw the auto truck coming, hoping to shoot the chemical ahead and out of the way, but the truck came head on into the rear wheel of the chemical. The rear platform of the chemical was torn off and the rear end of the apparatus badly damaged. Several firemen were riding on the platform, but seeing that a collision was inevitable, jumped before the crash and escaped injury. Mr. Stinson was driving the auto truck and claims he did not hear the siren or see the chemical, as a large car in front of him obstructed the view.

The Buttrick fire amounted to nothing, the house being struck but not damaged. A chandelier was torn from the ceiling and the house filled with smoke. The home of Louis E. Forteous lost its lighting system when it was filled with smoke when a bolt entered it.

A bolt of lightning that hit the house of Charles L. Stewart on Broad street entered by the roof, tearing a great hole in the peak but not setting the building on fire. Deputy Chief H. R. Tait was coming along shortly after the bolt struck on his return from Greenville and stopped to see if there was any fire, but found none and proceeded on his way.

At St. Joseph's Polish church the steeple was struck and a hole torn in it. The steeple has just been reshingled and the work will now have to be done over again.

A telegraph pole in front of Preston Bros' store on Main street, the bolt descending into the earth through the excavation where the pole was being moved to the vitrified brick pavement. A waitress in a nearby restaurant dropped to the floor in a faint at the crash.

About 500 telephone lines in the Norwich exchange were put out of commission, and an electric light switch on West Main street near Maple street was burned out.

At the home of Harold Lieberman at the corner of Lafayette and Sherman streets the electricity entered on the wires, causing a cloud of smoke, but doing no other damage.

The foundations of an unoccupied house at 13 Lafayette street caved in and the first floor dropped into the cellar. The cave-in of earth extended out under the sidewalk to the trolley tracks.

In some of the hilly streets, but without any serious damage.

SATURDAY RAINFALL WAS NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS INCH. The electrical storm of Saturday gave about 0.75 of an inch according to the measurement made by the rain gauge of Charles W. Burton of the water department. This makes a total of 2.16 inches in the first ten days of July, promising to be a record for the month.

The total rainfall for July was 2.27 inches which is a large one as the June average is 2.93 inches.

UNJUST STEWARD PARABLE EXPLAINED BY PRIEST. Throughout the Catholic world Sunday, the gospel read in all the masses was that for the eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Roman viii, 13-17, the parable of the unjust steward. Preaching at the early mass at 7:30 o'clock in St. Patrick's church, Rev. M. H. May, the pastor, who also read the mass, explained this parable, which is often referred to in the gospel as the parable of the unjust steward, merely for a prudent in temporal affairs, which is often well to imitate in matters spiritual.

Neither the church nor the state commends the acquiring of goods by dishonesty, deceit or treachery. Such acquisition, which is dishonest, what is referred to in the gospel as the parable of the unjust steward, is not evil, providing they are regarded simply as loans by their real owner, God, and are dispensed in ameliorating suffering, relieving poverty, assuaging misery. Wealth may cause a man to gain, not to lose his salvation, providing he holds himself simply as the trustee of the goods in whatever he may possess, not hoarding it, nor using it for oppression and injustice, but considering himself as a mere steward, distributor.

A word of warning was uttered regarding the danger and the wrong of the mis-use of any of God's gifts and the preacher exhorted his hearers to at once make an spiritual inventory of their habits and ways, to discover whether their use of temporal possessions may not be counter to the will and design of their Heavenly Father in entrusting them with such advantages and favors.

The majority of those in the congregation received holy communion. Father May requiring the assistance of seven Philip J. Mooney in administering the Eucharist.

REV. JOHN TALBOT SMITH TREASURER OF CATHOLIC WRITERS' GUILD. At the recent annual meeting in New York of the Catholic Writers' Guild, which has members in Eastern Connecticut, the president elected was Arthur Bennington, of the New York World, and the treasurer chosen was Rev. John Talbot Smith, founder of the Catholic writers' guild in this section and a favorer of relatives in Norwich. One of the vice-presidents is Dr. Conde Pallen, who has spoken for the K. of C. in Norwich. New members of the board of governors include Rev. Francis F. Duffy, former chaplain of the Sixty-ninth Division; Father Duffy paid tribute to Joyce Kilmer, who was killed in action with the Sixty-ninth, saying in the course of his address, "Kilmer was a short but glorious life. He has left a name in literature to some extent and in the history of American manhood most emphatically."

OLD PEOPLE GATHER ON MRS. ALFRED RAMAGE'S BIRTHDAY. Mrs. Alfred T. Ramage celebrated her 76th birthday at her home in Uncasville last Thursday.

One of the sisters, Mrs. Susan Lewis of Moosup, gave her a birthday cake and the other brothers and sisters gave her a purse of money. She had a number of other nice presents from her friends and relatives.

These present were Mrs. Mary Monroe of Norwich in her 85th year; Henry Brown of Hartford in his 86th year; Leonard Brown of Norwich in his 87th year; Mrs. Susan Lewis of Moosup in her 80th year; Mrs. Emma Mitchell of Central Village in her 78th year; Mrs. Alfred T. Ramage of Uncasville, in her 76th year.

Had Auto Smash in Guilford. Tony Desario made report to the police Friday that he had been in an automobile accident that afternoon at Moose Hill in the town of Guilford where he said he was run into by another machine as he was passing it. The Desario machine had misadventure bent, but the other machine was badly damaged. After striking him it shot off across the road and into a fence that saved it from going off a high embankment.

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