

RAIN AND COLDER TODAY;
FAIR, COLDER TOMORROW

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The Bulletin

Norwich, Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921.

THE WEATHER.

Conditions:
The disturbance that was central over Lake Huron Tuesday night, moved northeastward to the lower St. Lawrence valley and the Maritime disturbance moved rapidly southeastward to Lake Huron. These disturbances have been attended by rain within the last 24 hours in North Atlantic states.

The temperature Wednesday continued considerably above the normal in the eastern states.

The indications are for rain Thursday in the Atlantic states north of Virginia. Colder weather will overpread practically all sections east of the Mississippi river within the next 24 hours.

Winds:
North of Sandy Hook: Southwest, shifting to west and northwest winds, becoming fresh to strong, overcast weather Thursday.

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Fresh, possibly strong to northwest winds, overcast weather and probably rain Thursday.

Forecast:
New England: Rain and colder Thursday; Friday fair and colder.

Observations in Norwich:
The Bulletin's observations show the following changes in temperature and barometric pressure Wednesday:

Ther. Bar.	55	29.60
7 a. m.	55	29.55
10 a. m.	55	29.55
1 p. m.	55	29.55
4 p. m.	55	29.55
7 p. m.	55	29.55
10 p. m.	55	29.55

Compassions:
Predictions for Wednesday: Cloudy. Wednesday's weather: Thunder showers in early morning, followed by clearing and warmth.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES.

Sun		Moon	
Time	Alt.	Time	Alt.
6:00 a. m.	5:06	9:52	5:39
7:00	5:04	10:28	4:16
8:00	5:02	11:09	2:54
9:00	5:00	11:52	1:35
10:00	4:58	12:41	0:24
11:00	4:56	1:38	0:54
12:00	4:54	2:42	1:10
1:00	4:52	3:52	1:22
2:00	4:50	5:08	1:30

Big tides after high water it is low water, which is followed by flood tide.

TAFTVILLE

Sam Tetreault, wife of Estate Tetreault, died Tuesday at her late home on the corner of Hester's and Corvick streets. She was born in St. Eustace, Canada, 42 years ago, where she was married to Mr. Tetreault. The deceased had been a resident of this village for 23 years and was well liked by her neighbors.

Besides leaving her husband, she is survived by seven children, three sons, Henry and Alfred of Wilimantic, Rodolph of Montville, four daughters, Mrs. O. Larocque and Mrs. Louis Guerin of West Haven, Mrs. Anthony Guerin of Norwich and Mrs. Bertha Bernard, who lives at home. She also leaves three brothers, Joseph Tetreault of this vil-

FINDS NEW LONDON PHYSICIANS' CHARGES HIGHEST IN STATE

According to three compensation case findings made public Wednesday afternoon by Compensation Commissioner James J. Donohue of this city charges made by physicians in New London are the highest in the state. These findings were held at the commissioner's office in the Central building, October 13th for the purpose of securing the commissioner's decision as to whether or not three bills rendered by Dr. George P. Cheney of New London were reasonable. In each case the commissioner finds that the bill presented by Dr. Cheney, according to the scale of prices prevalent with New London doctors is higher than the commissioner is willing to approve. The commissioner cut \$1 from the first bill, \$3 from the second bill, and \$2 from the third bill. In a memorandum of decision which is made a part of each of the three findings announced Wednesday, Commissioner Donohue says:

"From personal investigation and observation, I find that the fee of \$2 charged to the city of New London for simple ordinary surgical office dressings is a fee larger than is charged by physicians in any other city in the state of Connecticut."

In the case of Leo Pellegrino of No. 5 East street, New London, claimant vs. Byers Brothers, New London, employer, the bill presented by Dr. Cheney is cut one dollar, from \$10 to \$9. In this case it was found that Mr. Pellegrino received a vaccination at the base of the thumb on July 24th last. The average weekly wages of the employee were found to be \$16.20.

It was found that the claimant was disabled for four days because of the injury in question, and a disability did not extend beyond the waiting period no compensation is claimed by the employee.

The evidence showed that the injury treatment was rendered by Dr. Cheney for which a charge of \$5 was made. During the afternoon of the same day treatment was again rendered, the charge being \$5. Two days later, July 26th, the doctor again saw the case and made a vaccination at the base of the thumb on the bill rendered by Dr. Cheney is \$10.

The insurer-represented refused to pay the bill as rendered by the attending physician on the ground that the charges made by him were larger than they were in the habit of paying for similar services in any other city in the state.

The respondents introduced an evidence the testimony of Dr. Maher, an adjuster for the Aetna Life Insurance company, who made a careful investigation as to the cost of living and the cost of various commodities and items, which enter into the cost of living in various cities of the state of Connecticut, this being the evidence originally introduced by the Aetna Life Ins. Co. in the case of Lewis vs. New London Ship and Engine company decided by Commissioner Chandler, acting for the second congressional district on May 16, 1921 in which case the medical bill of Dr. E. P. Douglass was in dispute. This evidence was accepted without objection to be used by the commissioner in reaching his conclusion in this case or in future cases where this particular feature came up for determination.

The commissioner says: In the present case, as the first surgical dressing was done at 2:30 o'clock in the morning, I find that the fee of \$5 charged by Dr. Cheney for the same is reasonable. I find that \$2 would be a reasonable fee for the second dressing which was done in the afternoon of the same day, for which service the doctor made a charge of \$3. The third charge on the bill of \$2 for ordinary office call I find to be a reasonable fee. In view of these facts a bill of \$9 in this case is approved for payment.

In a memorandum of decision, which is attached to the finding, the commissioner says:

"In the present case the claimant was earning \$16.20 a week and he was out of work but four days because of his injury, so that it is evident from the latter fact that there was nothing unusual in the nature of the injury nor in the treatment required for same. Moreover, the act provides that an injured employee shall not be charged greater fees for medical, surgical or hospital services than would be warranted if he were to pay the bills himself. This is true in New London as well as in any other community or city of the state of Connecticut, and a patient should not be charged more, because an insurance company carries the liability of the employer and assumes responsibility for the payment of the bills, than he would be charged if he were to pay the bills himself."

From personal investigation and observation, I find that the fee of \$2.00 charged in the city of New London for simple ordinary surgical office dressings is a fee larger than is charged by physicians in any other city in the state of Connecticut for such services. I find also that New London is not a dissimilar community from that of Norwich, which is about 15 miles distant, Norwich having a population of practically 30,000 and New London having a population of some few thousands less, but in all respects the two cities can be called similar to an unusual extent. New London has also been found to be a similar community to Hartford, New Haven or Stamford, as shown by the finding and award in the case of Lewis vs. New London Ship and Engine Co. in which case the commissioner of the first district acting for this district found that while the medical fees charged by the physicians in New London were higher than those charged in Hartford, New Haven or Stamford, all similar

communities, the cost of living and the facilities employed by physicians in the practice of their profession on the whole were somewhat less in New London than in any other cities mentioned.

The Lewis case mentioned above was cited by the insurer-represented who also submitted the testimony of Dr. Maher, the Aetna adjuster who made a very full investigation of the cost of living in the cities mentioned in connection with the hearing on the Lewis case. After giving same due consideration and also considering the particular features in the present case, the conclusion stated in the finding of this case has been reached.

The second case was that of Charles Worthington, 21 Hamilton St., New London, claimant vs. the Babcock Printing Press Co., of New London, May 16th, Mr. Worthington was injured and lost the ends of two fingers. His weekly wages were found to be \$24.55.

In his finding the commissioner says:

"On the day in question claimant had the ends of two fingers cut off by a circular saw, which injury incapacitated him for a week. As his disability did not extend beyond the waiting period no claim is made for compensation on the part of the injured employee. It is found that first aid treatment was rendered the claimant on the day of the injury by Dr. George P. Cheney for which a charge of \$5 was made. The doctor also dressed the fingers on May 17th, 18th and 20th, charging \$2 for each dressing, the total amount of the medical bill as rendered being \$14. The main facts in the case are agreed to and the only question in dispute is the amount of the medical bill as rendered by the attending physician and the hearing was requested by Dr. Cheney that the reasonableness of his bill for services rendered in the present case might be raised upon it. The defendant has made first dressing was simple ordinary dressing of the type which is constantly being rendered in minor surgical cases. I find the charge of \$5 for the first dressing was reasonable. The subsequent dressings charged at \$2 each, I find should not be charged more than \$2 as all dressings were made at the doctor's office. Therefore, a total bill in the present case of \$11 instead of \$14 is hereby approved."

Two Norwich physicians testified at this hearing after hearing the injury described and the doctor's statement concerning treatments rendered, that the charges which they would make for similar dressings after the first call would be \$2 each; question in dispute being the medical bill.

The third case is that of Sam Muscarello, Shaw street, New London, vs. Byers Bros., of New London. It is found that on June 2nd last the claimant ran his hand and arm into a barrel of flour and was bitten by a rat, the employee receiving five distinct bites, two of them being quite deep lacerations. First aid was rendered by Dr. Cheney and the employee resumed work the same day, so that there is no compensation claimed on a disability basis, the only question in dispute being the medical bill.

The physician rendered a bill amounting to \$9. It is found that the dressings were all of an ordinary character and were all made at the doctor's office. The bill was made up as follows: Cauterizing dressing \$4; dressing \$1; ordinary office call \$2. From the testimony introduced at the hearing by two Norwich physicians it is found that their charge for the first dressing would have been \$3 and \$2 each for subsequent office dressings. This evidence was given after the Norwich phy-

sicians had heard the history of the case as given by the attending physician.

In his finding the commissioner says: Considering all the evidence presented it is found that \$3 would be a reasonable fee for the first dressing and \$2 each for each of the two subsequent dressings making the total bill \$7 instead of \$9 as originally rendered, and a bill of \$7 in the present case is hereby approved.

The memorandum of decision filed in the case of Pellegrino vs. Byers Bros., applies to the latter two cases and is made a part of both findings by the commissioner.

SAYS HUSBAND DID NOT KEEP ANTE-NUPITAL AGREEMENT

The case of Anna Schramm Schnellen of Mystic against Jacob Schnellen of the same place for \$10,000 for violation of an ante-nuptial agreement was tried before Judge Allyn L. Brown in the superior court in New London Wednesday morning. The plaintiff claims that on March 1, 1920, the defendant agreed that if she would marry him he would make over to her upon their marriage the sum of 2,500 in cash. She agreed and they were married but the defendant has neglected and refused to turn over any part of the money and has neglected and refused to provide for her.

In her testimony, Mrs. Schnellen declared that her husband promised to make over a life insurance policy of \$1000 and give her \$1,500 in cash but that after their marriage he not only refused but has left her and does not provide for her support.

The case was completed in the morning except for the testimony of the defendant, who was not in court and who will testify next Tuesday. Attorney Benjamin H. Hewitt appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney Perry J. Hollandersky was counsel for the defendant.

TRYING SUIT FOR \$5,000 FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY

In the superior court at New London Wednesday afternoon before Judge Allyn L. Brown, the court began the trial of the case of Annie J. Mathewson of Mystic against Jeanette Caswell, also of Mystic, for \$5,000 for assault and battery. It is alleged that on the evening of August 21, 1921, the defendant assaulted and beat the plaintiff severely as the result of which she suffered much physical pain. Attorney Hewitt represents the plaintiff and Attorney George C. Morgan appears for the defendant.

The plaintiff's testimony was all in and one witness for the defense had testified when court adjourned for the day.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEET AT LAUREL HILL SCHOOL

The first meeting of the year for the Laurel Hill Parent-Teachers' association was held Tuesday afternoon at the Laurel Hill school with a large attendance and many new members enrolled. Mrs. Frank A. Case, the president, conducted the business part of the meeting in which the minutes were approved and a brief report was made by the treasurer, Mrs. Walter B. Crooks. Several items of new business were also taken up and disposed of.

Under the direction of Mrs. Milo R. Waters, chairman of the programme committee, a pleasant social hour with games was enjoyed. Tea was served by Mrs. John F. Vallin, assisted by Mrs. Charles

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Items which went to make up the account were treated. His testimony was entirely technical, consisting of explanations as to the method adopted in drawing up the account.

Submarine for Repair

The submarine S-45 one of the latest of the new type of subs which are being built by the Lakes Torpedo Boat Co. of Bridgeport, is at the Thames Towboat Co. yard on the Thames river, hauled out for repairs. The craft, which as yet has not been accepted by the government will undergo repairs on her hull. Some of the zinc will be renewed and the bottom will be scraped and galvanized.

Merchant Bankrupt

Steve Ksengas, dealing in retail meat and groceries at 191 Bank street, New London has filed a petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities as \$3,476 and assets \$1,575.11.

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