

Impact of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Connecticut

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STATISTICS OF THE 1918 EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA IN CONNECTICUT

WITH A CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCED THE
PREVALENCE OF THIS DISEASE IN VARIOUS
COMMUNITIES


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GENERAL HISTORY OF THE EPIDEMIC IN CONNECTICUT

According to the information courteously furnished to us by Dr. T. E. Reeks, epidemiologist of the State Department of Health:

“Influenza first appeared as an epidemic in Connecticut in New London, in the eastern part of the State, on or about September 1, 1918, when several cases of the disease were reported by the naval hospital at New London. These cases came primarily from the Experimental Station and Fort Trumbull where vessels from foreign ports had discharged patients. Within a day or two several cases were brought to the hospital from the submarine base located two miles above New London. About one hundred cases were sent to the New London naval hospital within the first ten days of September.



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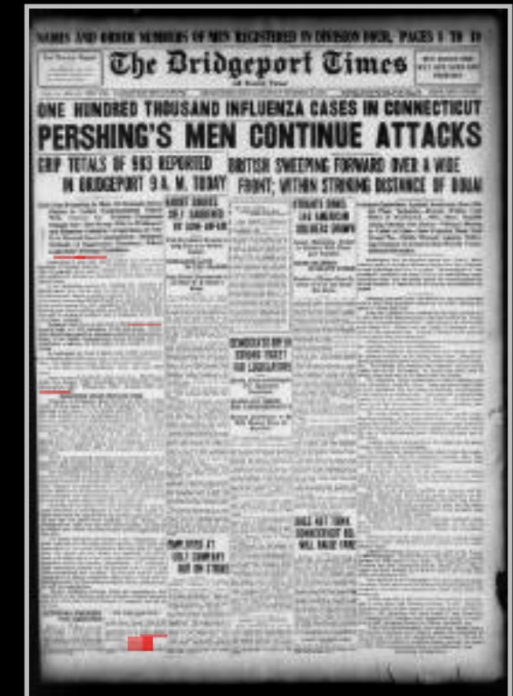
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Connecticut Department of Public Health History

1878

Connecticut Board of Health established, with power to supervise vital statistics and make investigations.

1894

Sanitary regulation requires contagious diseases to be reported promptly.

1917

Board of Health reorganized into State Department of Health, with a Commissioner and a six-member Public Health Council. John T. Black, M.D., was named Commissioner.

1917

Bureaus of Preventable Diseases, Sanitary Engineering, and Laboratories created; State Sanitary Code formed.

1917

Daily reporting of disease by health officers.

SPANISH GRIP IS SPREADING FAST

State Health Department Reports Spread of Mysterious Disease.

Spanish influenza, that mysterious and rapidly spreading illness, has started an offensive in Connecticut, and the State Board of Health officials think it quite possible that the disease will become epidemic throughout the state within a few days. The disease first occurred on this state at the Naval Training stations in New London, and within three days the number of cases has grown to several hundred, and is said still to be spreading rapidly.

No occasion for alarm was suggested provided that people take proper precautions to avoid the disease and to care for it when it develops. The great danger is the development of pneumonia after premature returning to work.

The malady is peculiarly contagious, a very large percentage of those exposed to the disease becoming ill. The incubation period is about from one to two days. The rapidity of the development of Spanish influenza is shown by the fact that after only about ten days of prevalence the disease has reached thousands of people in the United States.

Dr. John T. Black of the State Health Department said yesterday that the disease is usually of about three days' duration, although many

patients become prostrated with the disease a second time when they have practically recovered from the first attack. About 2 per cent. of Spanish influenza cases develop into pneumonia, most of the pneumonia coming from the recurrent cases. In New London one death has been reported from pneumonia which developed from this disease. A few cases have been reported from other Connecticut localities, including New Haven and Manchester, and Mr. Black said yesterday that other towns would probably report cases in the next day or two.

Because of the rapid spreading of the disease quarantine is practically impossible, but Dr. Black declared that it is the patriotic duty of everyone who is taken with the disease to isolate himself or herself at once. Public gatherings held indoors should be avoided, as well as contact with suspected cases. The disease usually makes itself known very suddenly, the victim often being taken ill with chills and a violent headache on the street or at work. The symptoms are very similar to those of ordinary grip, and the health officials regard the disease as grip in epidemic form. The health officials especially desire to emphasize the point that the greatest danger from the epidemic comes from attempts to worry along with it instead of going to bed.

The State Board of Health has issued instructions to all local health officials as follows:

"1—Epidemic influenza is hereby declared a reportable communicable disease until further notice.

"2—All cases or suspected cases should be reported in accordance with Regulation 4 of the sanitary code and shall be controlled in accordance with Section C, Regulation 20, which provides that patients shall not be put

under quarantine but shall be isolated.

"3—No definite restrictions can be placed on contacts, but indiscriminating visits to patients must be forbidden."

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED

British subjects will not receive questionnaires at the same time as the other registered men, as the treaty with Great Britain goes into effect Sept. 28.

Draft Board 2 mailed 160 questionnaires yesterday which represents about 10 per cent. of the total enrollment of the 19 to 35 men. There are about 30 more in this class, then will begin the mailing to the 20 year old class. Assistance will be given by attorneys in the filling out of the questionnaires by the legal advisors of the boards if it is desired.

In an interesting address yesterday a representative of Provost Marshal Crowder stated to representatives of Connecticut draft boards that the men of this state who registered Sept. 12 will soon be called to military service.

Fourteen registration cards were received by Board 2 yesterday from the Barnum & Bailey circus which is now showing at Los Angeles.

There is a possibility that local draft boards may have to use the last registration list in the two calls which are pending. One is for Camp Greenleaf, Ga., and the other is for Camp Dix, and are for the month of October.

One thing is fairly sure, that there will be no pensions for the people who get sore throat telling how the war ought to be run.

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SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR REST OF WEEK

After a conference on Wednesday with Dr. John T. Black, Connecticut commissioner of health, Dr. E. T. Brophy, the local health officer, issued orders that the schools should be closed for the rest of this week as a precautionary measure during the present epidemic of Spanish influenza. As far as Norwich is concerned, the health officer states that it is a positive fact that there is an improvement in the local situation for there were fewer new cases reported on Wednesday, but it was thought to be the safest thing to close the schools until next Monday. This includes all the public and parochial schools, the Norwich Free Academy and the private day school.

The children are asked by the health officer to stay out of doors as much as possible during the epidemic as it is thought that those who are out of doors a great deal are not as susceptible to the disease as those in factories, stores and schools. The children are also asked not to go to the playhouses and to avoid all public gatherings as much as possible.

With the return of the raw, cold rainy weather people should be on the watch for the first signs of the influenza and take care not to expose themselves to the disease unnecessarily. According to physicians throughout the country nine-tenths of the deaths occurring from the pneumonia which develops rapidly from the disease is due to some carelessness on the part of the patient, either in not obeying the physician's orders or in going out before the disease is fully out of the system. There is pos-

itively no cause for alarm if the disease is taken at the very beginning, and a physician called and his orders obeyed.

The Backus hospital is at present crowded with patients, 13 having been added within the last twenty-four hours. Physicians have all they can do to call on the patients as it is estimated that there are between 500 and 800 cases in the city at the present time. Most of the doctors will give up all office hours until the epidemic conditions have abated.

In New London the situation is much more serious than here. According to Dr. Black there are between 3,000 and 4,000 cases in that city and the most stringent measures are imperative to check the spread of the disease. These will go into effect this (Thursday) morning and include the closing of all schools, churches, theaters, dance halls, lodge meeting rooms and other places of public gathering.

The closing of the saloons has been contemplated and this may be done if the epidemic continues to increase.

Such extreme measures will not be necessary in this city it is believed, but will be taken if the need arises through any great increase in the number of cases to anything like the New London figure.

However, Dr. Brophy gives the warning that soda fountain glasses and saloon glasses can be means of conveying the influenza from one person to another. He says that every glass after it has been used ought to be placed in boiling hot water and allowed to stay there for 15 minutes before it is used again for a customer.

Claims Dandruff Will Cause Baldness

If you have dandruff you must get rid of it quick—it's positively dangerous and will surely ruin your hair if you don't.

Dandruffy heads mean faded, brittle, gray, scraggly hair that finally dies and falls out—new hair will not grow—then you are bald and nothing can help you.

The only sure way to abolish dandruff for good is to destroy the germ that causes it. To do this quickly, surely and safely, and at little expense, there is nothing so effective as Parisian sage, which you can get from Lee & Osgood Co. and good druggists everywhere. It is guaranteed to banish dandruff, stop itching scalp and falling hair, and promote a new growth, or the cost, small as it is, will be refunded.

Parisian sage is a scientific preparation that supplies all hair needs—an antiseptic liquid neither sticky or greasy, easy to apply, and delicately perfumed.

If you want beautiful soft, thick, lustrous hair, and lots of it by all means use Parisian sage. Don't delay—begin tonight—a little attention now insures abundant hair for years to come.—Adv.

have seen quite a few German prisoners and they get treated very well; officers and privates mixed together. They don't like the looks of our bayonet, what they call cold steel, and the boys on the front tell us about how they give up when they see that coming. There were boys from Illinois who marched all day and then jumped

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Norwich bulletin.
(Norwich, Conn.) 1895-2011,
September 26, 1918

at 35c a Yard

loyalty to the Quadruple Alliance, according to the New York Press, which is quoted in despatches reaching here.

Paris, Sept. 30—Bulgarian representatives agreed to an armistice—probably the first step in Bulgaria's withdrawal from the Alliance with the central powers—a few days less than three years after she entered the war. It was on October 8, 1915, that Bulgaria issued a manifesto announcing her decision to cast her lot against the entente alliance. She had been fifteen months in deciding her course.

In the manifesto issued at the time

of her entrance into the ranks of the belligerents, the Bulgarian government declared that her trade interests and economic rights "were inseparably bound up with Turkey, Germany and Austria." Germany had offered Bulgaria for her neutrality the whole of Macedonia including Uskub, Monastir and Ochrida.

A still greater territorial expansion at the expense of Serbia was said to have been offered as a condition of

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INFLUENZA TAKES TOLL OF FOUR CASES IN CITY

Total Number of Cases Reported to Date 144 With 32 New Ones For Saturday and Sunday—No Occasion for Alarm Here.

The increase of reported cases of influenza in the city is 32 for Saturday and Sunday. A total of 144 cases has been brought to the attention of the Health Board, with four deaths. Two occurred at the hospital at the Hillside Home, and the death of Lieutenant Eppes Evans was reported this morning.

BABY DOLL TRIAL WENT OFF SMOOTHLY

The Bridgeport Times and evening farmer. (Bridgeport, Conn.) 1918-1924, September 30, 1918

murders has been... for the trial... Doll" Thom... as and... the two men held for the murder of... Dan...

A special meeting of the Health Commissioners will be held today, to discuss the developments of the epidemic, and the methods of procedure to be put in force to prevent the further spread of the disease.

Dr. W. H. Brown this morning expressed his satisfaction at the small number of cases reported, and said that there was no occasion to take drastic measures as yet. "The disease," he said, "has not yet become prevalent, although the doubt existing in the minds of physicians as well as other persons of the real existence of the epidemic, has been dispelled. There is not the slightest doubt that

MANY SHOPS RESTLESS

Make Demands To Be Brought Under Award of War Labor Board and Are Said To Be Threatening to Strike.

Serious unrest is reported in the ranks of all the office forces of the various munition plants throughout Bridgeport today following the announcement by Examiner Winter, local representative of the National War Labor board, that all salaried employes of the plants in this district will be barred from any benefits accruing from the Eidlitz award.

HUNS CAPTURE JIMMIE HAYES LOCAL SOLDIER

Lawrence Hayes of 369 Gregory street has just received a telegram from the Adjutant General's office to the effect that his brother, Private James Hayes, of the famous 69th regiment has been officially reported as missing in action.

This means that in all probability the popular young soldier is a prisoner in the hands of the enemy, but until further details are furnished this is entirely problematical.

It was only two weeks ago that his brother received a letter from him written in a little churchyard somewhere in France. The letter told of the treachery of the Hun in sending men in French uniforms against the Americans. They not only wore the French uniforms but had Red Cross badges on their arms and carried stretchers in which were concealed

In some of the plants, the bookkeepers, accountants, stenographers, timekeepers, shipping clerks and those employed in the purchasing departments, are openly talking strike. They claim their work is just as essential to the output of munitions for the army and navy as the machinists whom they charge with "hogging" everything.

When the Eidlitz award was first announced the clerks of the various plants felt as though they had been overlooked in the raise of salaries and they immediately sent a delegation to the various headquarters of the companies for which they work to inquire if it was so. They were one and all told that the award included all workers and that they certainly would benefit by the rulings.

Since then they have patiently awaited the decision of the board and now that the ruling has been interpreted in a manner which would bar them they feel as though they would be justified in taking drastic steps to secure the increase.

An employe of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. in speaking of the matter today said: "It does not cost a machinist any more to buy groceries or meats than it does us. We have just as large families to support, we work longer hours, we have to use brains work overtime without get

REQUESTS MASKS BE WORN IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES

New Haven Health Authorities Take Action to Stop Influenza Spread.

New Haven, Sept. 30—As a measure against the Spanish influenza health authorities here today had a conference and it is expected that recommendation will be made that every person attending a gathering, theatrical performance, or who in course of duties is brought into close contact with others wear a muslin mask over their mouths.

In furtherance of this all members of the Yale military and naval units were being provided with muslin pieces. A simple device for a mask has been evolved which can be made in a few minutes, and it was stated that tens of thousands of these can be produced by volunteer workers in a short time.

The influenza is showing a marked increase in the city. No effort is being spared to keep the infection from the 2,500 men at Yale who are marking time until the Federal government takes over the university tomorrow and sets the students at work.

GERMANY TO USE ALL FORCES FOR ITS DEFENSE

The Weather Report

For Bridgeport and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight.

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BUY BONDS THE WAY OUR BOYS ARE FIGHTING

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CAMBRAI HAS FALLEN, HINDENBURG LINE IS SHATTERED AND ALLIES ARE DRIVING HUNS INTO OPEN COUNTRY ON FRENCH FRONTIER

MORE THAN HUNDRED NEW CASES SPANISH INFLUENZA DEMAND UTMOST PRECAUTION

Health Regulations Not Being Obeyed—Trolley Cars Dangerously Overcrowded—Slides Arrive for Movie Warnings—Grave Consequences in Cities Where Epidemic Escapes Control. Meade.

Spanish Influenza in Bridgeport increased 104, during the last 24 hours. The situation is not yet alarming, but it is serious, and it requires the most complete observance of the health regulations, which include a rule that there must be no spitting on the streets.

According to Times-Farmer representatives health regulations are not being obeyed. It required only a glance at sidewalks and gutters, this morning, to show that spitting is more prevalent than usual. In the theatres, last night, other observers noted hurricanes of coughing. The warning signs have disappeared from many trolley cars. The over-crowded trolley car appeared to be one of the most dangerous points of contagion. In morning and evening cars men and women were packed in like sardines, in a proximity which afforded the min-

Movie Slides Warn Against Influenza

The United States Health Department has provided the Bridgeport authorities with three slides, for display upon the movie screens. There are three sets of instructions, as follows:

1st. "The Health Authorities will close this theatre unless spitting, coughing or sneezing is omitted during performances." To be followed immediately by

2nd. "Sneezing and coughing in this theatre may spread influenza. Be fair, and stay home if you have a cold." To be followed by

3rd. "If you have a cold retire NOW. Do not endanger health of others, and save yourself embarrassment."

If, notwithstanding these slides, sneezing or coughing occurs, the performance is stopped and the following slide is to be used:

"The person sneezing or coughing will please retire NOW in the interest of the health of those sitting near him!"

AMERICANS IN FIERCE FIGHTING

Sees Own Will Probated

Officials of the probate court in this city were confronted with unusual circumstances today when the last will and testament of the late Louis Resovsky of this city was offered for probate.

The document was executed jointly by the deceased and his wife Julia, and each leave to the other their entire possessions. There is only one document for both husband and wife, and it is unusual that a wife should live to see her own will probated.

The estate is valued at \$5,000 in real property and \$1,500 in personal property.

NAVAL BAND AIDS IN SALE OF BONDS; CITY STILL LAGS

Total Sales in Bridgeport or Past 24 Hours Amounts to Only \$248,250.

Marshal Haig Drives Gigantic Salient Into Hun Lines; Great Menace To Lille And Laon Massif

TEXT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY TO GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

The text of President Wilson's reply to the request of Chancellor Maximilian of Germany for an armistice and peace discussion, handed to the Charge of Switzerland here yesterday, is as follows:—

"Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge on behalf of the President your note of October 6 enclosing the communication from the German government to the President and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German Chancellor:—

"Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German government and in order that that reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved require, the President of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the Imperial Chancellor. Does the Imperial Chancellor mean that the Imperial German government accept the terms laid down by the President in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?"

"The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation

British Take 8,000 Prisoners in Great Quantity

The Bridgeport Times and evening farmer. (Bridgeport, Conn.) 1918-1924, October 09, 1918

One of the Hindenburg systems the Germans today are being driven back

The Weather Report

For Bridgeport and vicinity unsettled, probably showers tonight and Sunday.

The Bridgeport Times

and Evening Farmer

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ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND INFLUENZA CASES IN CONNECTICUT PERSHING'S MEN CONTINUE ATTACKS

GRIP TOTALS OF 983 REPORTED IN BRIDGEPORT 9 A. M. TODAY

Red Cross Preparing to Meet All Demands Opens Station in United Congregational Church With Canteen for Adjunct—Dangerous Malady Now Has Strong Hold in Bridgeport and Requires Complete Co-operation of Public to Prevent Grave Consequences—Stringent Methods of Suppression Necessary—School Loan Rally Meetings Forbidden.

Connecticut is now well started toward the crisis of its epidemic of Spanish Influenza. By Sunday night, at present rate of progress, there will be 100,000 cases in the state, and the number will increase by thousands of cases daily for some time to come.

If the authorities succeed in limiting the epidemic to 300,000 cases, they will do well, for the cases in well protected cantonments, among a million soldiers, more or less, have now reached more than 200,000. It will be a miracle to obtain as good results among the civil population of Connecticut, comprising more than a million souls, as will be obtained in dealing with the health of soldiers held to discipline by the rigor

HAIGHT SHOTS SELF SADDENED BY LOVE AFFAIR

With Two Bullet Wounds in Lung Life is in Serious Danger.

CONSIGNED LOVE TO THE FLAMES

Body Found Unconscious in Lot Near W. E. Seeley's Home.

The unconscious form of Oakley Haight, 18, of 514 Fairfield avenue, was found at 2 o'clock this morning in a vacant lot near the residence of William E. Seeley, 28 Brooklawn ave.

BRITISH SWEEPING FORWARD OVER A WIDE FRONT; WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF DOUAI

"WE LAY DOWN
OUR LIVES YOU BUY
BONDS"—MGOVERN

Capt. Edward F. McGovern, surgeon with American Forces in France, in cablegram to Bridgeport files:
Remember Brothers, that every one of us is ready at any moment to lay down his life if need be in order that the loved ones at home may never know the indescribable sufferings of the people of Belgium and France. So, our message to you is this, "Buy Bonds beyond the extent of your power." We must have munitions and equipment and unless you lend even beyond your capacity this war cannot be successfully prosecuted and thus it will be you and not us who are here prepared for the great sacrifice, if it should be the will of God, who will be responsible for our failure. As your Exalted Ruler, I ask that a supreme effort be made so that every member of old "50" will be found upon the roll of honor as having done your bit in this great crusade. My Brothers, my

OTRANTO SINKS 366 AMERICAN SOLDIERS DROWN

Armed Mercantile Cruiser in Collision With Transport Kashmir.

SHIPS SMASHED IN HEAVY STORM

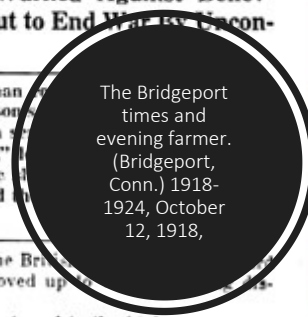
Number of Troops From Interior of U. S. and Could Not Swim.

An Irish Post, Oct. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—American soldiers numbering 264 or 264 perished when the British armed mercantile cruiser Otranto, on the transport Kashmir

German Opposition Against Americans More Bitter Than Yesterday—French Within Four Miles of Neufchatel—Allies Move Rapidly Along Chemin Des Dames—Villages Blazing in Valley of Oise—New Progress Made Near Grand Pre—Public Warned Against Believing Germany Is About to End War by Unconditional Surrender.

Washington, Oct. 12.—German official's reply to President Wilson's ultimatum and indicating that it is in a president's conditions of peace, "The government here today that the public believing Germany is about to end the war by unconditional surrender.

Over a wide front and have moved up to the distance of Douai and Lille. From the American front, the British



The Weather Report

For Bridgeport and vicinity: Fair tonight with frost; Sunday partly cloudy.

The Bridgeport Times

and Evening Farmer

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AUSTRIA SHALL NOT HAVE PEACE UNTIL CZECHO-SLOVAKS AND JUGOSLAVS HAVE FULL INDEPENDENCE

GRIP CASES NOW TOTAL 2,604 WITH 66 DEATHS SCHOOLS MAY BE SHUT

A record number of new influenza cases were reported to the health authorities today when the figures for the past 24 hours were 368 new cases, bringing the total to 2,604. Four deaths occurred and the fatalities are now 66.

Data, that is to be submitted to Health Officer Dr. Walter H. Brown, and School Medical Inspector Dr. L. S. Wilkes, by Superintendent of Schools Samuel J. Slawson on the ravages of the Spanish Influenza epidemic in this city, may possibly result in closing the schools or at least a shut down in the ones most affected. It was reported to Dr. Brown this morning that a large percentage of the children and teachers of the Bridgeport schools had been stricken with the dreaded malady and the health officer immediately arranged a conference between Superintendent Slawson, Dr. Wilkes and himself. The data will be gone over thoroughly, and if it is shown that Dr. Brown's method of individual control through education and supervision is being hampered by school absences, the classes

THE REPLY TO AUSTRIA

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the seventh instant in which you transmit a communication of the Imperial and Royal government of Austria-Hungary to the President. I am now instructed by the President to request you to be good enough through your government to convey to the Imperial and Royal government the following reply:

'The President deems it his duty to say to the Austro-Hungarian government that he cannot entertain the present suggestions of that government because of certain events of utmost importance, which occurring since the delivery of his address of the eighth of January last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the government of the United States. Among the fourteen terms of peace which the President formulated at that time, occurred the following:

'X—The people of Austro-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of Autonomous development.'

'Since that sentence was written and uttered to the congress of the United States the government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czecho-Slovaks and the German and the Austro-Hungarian empires and that the Czecho-Slovak National Council is a defacto belligerent government clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czecho-Slovaks. It has also recognized in the fullest manner the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

Report Ghent Reached By French Cavalry; Huns Begin To Leave Brussels

German Forces in Brussels Pushed to New Defensive Line Than Six Miles on Breach in Enemy I—140 Airplanes in Take 15,000 Lille

(By the Associated Press) Six thousand Germans have been driven back to the frontier.

German forces in Belgium still are pushing forward toward a new defense line while the British, French and Amer-



The Weather Report

For Bridgeport and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight.

The Bridgeport Times

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ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises	6:23 a. m.
Sun sets	4:49 p. m.
High water	9:53 a. m.
Moon rises	4:17 a. m.
Low water	4:06 p. m.

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HUNGARIAN REPUBLIC IS ESTABLISHED SIXTY THOUSAND ITALIANS RELEASED

Republic Proclaimed In Hungary; National Council Takes Reins

Count Karolyi, President of National Council, Sends Announcement to Berlin—Inhabitants Rejoice at Change—Organization of New Government in Orderly Manner—Emperor's Conflicts Avoided—Count

Successful revolution has taken place in Hungary. The national council has taken power. A message sent by Count Karolyi, who is head of the Hungarian government, to the emperor and national council took over the government. The police acknowledge National council's authority. Inhabitants rejoicing.

(Signed) KAROLYI, President National Council.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The President of the United States has set apart the week of November 2 to 9 to be observed as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States. This action is taken to lessen the number of fires and to decrease loss of life and property.

Daniel E. Johnson, Chief of the Fire Department, requests and urges merchants, property holders, agents, and tenants to co-operate with the Fire Prevention Bureau to cut down fire risk.

It is desired that all fires, chimneys, cellars, garages and alleyways be cleared of combustible material. Thousands of dollars may be saved in fire damages by removing inflammable material, such as papers, clothing and other articles which have accumulated. Fires which have caused serious damage have been due to piles of rubbish, into which lighted cigar or cigarette ends have been thrown. Spontaneous combustion often results from such collections of rubbish. The fire chief urges that all be diligent in this work, so that the fire chief's record may improve from year to year.

DRASTIC ACTION THREATENED BY UNION LEADERS

INFLUENZA DOWN; DEATH RATE NOW AT 5 1-5 PER CENT.

106 New Cases in Past 24 Hours With 24 Deaths.

HEALTH OFFICER IS PLEASED BY REPORT

Nursing Situation is Improved With New System—More Still Needed.

New influenza cases in Bridgeport for the 24 hours ending at nine o'clock this morning totalled 106, a decrease of 36 cases over the previous day's report. It is the most favorable week day record since October 3. Deaths, however, again increased in the past 24 hours, 24 additional ones being reported in that period from pneumonia and influenza. Bridgeport has now had 1,481 cases of influenza, with 236 resulting deaths. Thus far in the epidemic the death rate in accordance with the number of cases actually reported is five and one-fifth per cent. While this is slightly higher than the death rate at army camps, which are the best available figures, it is lower than the rate in most other cities.

ARMISTICE TERMS. Paris, Nov. 11.—The armistice terms to be submitted to Germany many will be confined strictly to military requirements, except that it will be brought out clearly that they are conditioned generally upon President Wilson's principles, with some details.

BELGIANS AND JAPANESE ARE AT CONFERENCE

Paris, Nov. 1.—Today's deliberations in connection with the armistice proposition were participated in by Belgian and Japanese representatives, the day's meeting having to do with Germany. The Austrian affairs were discussed yesterday, Serbian and Turk representatives were not present.

The prime ministers of the Allied countries have been doing the principal part of their work in the small back parlor of the apartment occupied by Colonel House.

A small American telephone exchange has been put into the apartment by the army Signal Corps and an American telephone girl manipulates the plugs. The telephone wires run from the various army headquarters and also from the foreign offices in London and Rome.

Austria's Armies In Full Flight; Lose All Power of Resistance

Countless Numbers of Prisoners Taken—Lines Moving Forward in Great Leaps—Impossible to Identify Towns Retaken, Guns Captured or Italians Liberated, Pace So Swift—Haig Reports Good Progress South of Valenciennes—Artillery Active in American Sector.

(By the Associated Press)

Sixty thousand Italians on occupied territory have been released.

With the Austrians everywhere in flight and the Italian armies on two wings about to unite, it is said to be impossible to foresee when the few enemy divisions that escape will stop running.

Austria's armies, shattered by the blows of the Italians, British and French, are fleeing pell-mell on a front of more than one hundred miles from the Breno river east and south to



McLENNON HEADS BUILDING BOARD

William McLennan was elected president of the Board of Building Commissioners at the meeting held in city hall at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. McLennan was previously treasurer of the board and following his selection to the presidency, William Martin was appointed treasurer. Daniel M. Rowland was re-elected clerk of the board.

Following the meeting, six building permits aggregating \$16,400, were granted. They include three two-family houses on the east side of Brooks street for William F. Chatlos. The other grants were as follows: Alterations to a brick building on the south side of Fairfield avenue for W. A. Smith; private garage at 67 Alice street for Carl Stelfert and a one-story brick building on the south side of Stratford avenue for Gertrude Sniffen.

SUES CONNECTICUT COMPANY FOR \$15,000

Alleging he is crippled for life Jacob [Name] of this city has filed suit against Connecticut Co. in the Superior court for damages of \$15,000. [Name] was struck by a trolley car while working for the company while [Name] was knocked down, [Name] was crushed amputated. He claims the [Name] was struck with a fender and the gong was rung.

ALL SCHOOLS BUY

ANOTHER YEAR IN INFLUENZA

Disease Must Rage Until
All Susceptible Per-
sons Have It.

Spanish influenza is not expected by the state department of health to die out in Connecticut before two years. This opinion was expressed yesterday by Commissioner of Health John T. Black and Dr. T. Eben Reeks, director of the bureau of preventable diseases.

To put it plainly, these officials have concluded that all residents of the state will have to stand the influenza test before the disease wears itself out. A large percentage of the residents have been found to be naturally immune, while others are readily susceptible. Until the greater number of the susceptible ones have come into contact with the disease, it will continue to develop in various districts.

The physicians ascribe the recurrence of the recent epidemic at present in different parts of the state to the fact that those sections escaped the full force of the previous epidemic. Susceptible persons who did not come into contact with influenza when it was at its height are believed by the health department to have escaped it then merely because they were not exposed to the germ. It be-

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Saturdays 8 A. M. to 12 Noon—Saturday Evenings
7:30 to 8:30

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many districts have been driven away by the thousands. Grain taken by the Turks was allowed to rot in the rain and starving Armenians were prevented from even touching it under penalty of death, it is said.

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OF AUTO DRIVER

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The Bridgeport
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The Epidemic of Influenza in Connecticut

The beginning of the influenza epidemic in Connecticut occurred in New London, in the eastern part of the state, about September 1, 1918, when several cases were reported by the naval hospital located there. These cases originated at the Experimental Station and Fort Trumbull where vessels from foreign ports had discharged patients. Within a day or two several cases were brought to the hospital from the submarine base located two miles above New London. During the first ten days of September about one hundred cases were sent to the New London naval hospital.

On September 9, three cases were reported among the civilian population adjoining Fort Trumbull, all of which were among employees in the Fort. From September 12 onward many cases were reported, especially from the government station on the State Pier, where three hundred men from the Boston Navy Yard had arrived September 10. Nearly seven thousand of the naval men in the New London district were billeted in civilian homes, and the disease became generally prevalent among the civilians before the end of the month. The total number of civilian cases reported in New London for September was 901; for October, 936. No reports or statistics were furnished by the naval department after the first few cases.

Although the disease appears to have been primarily introduced into Connecticut by ships arriving at New London from

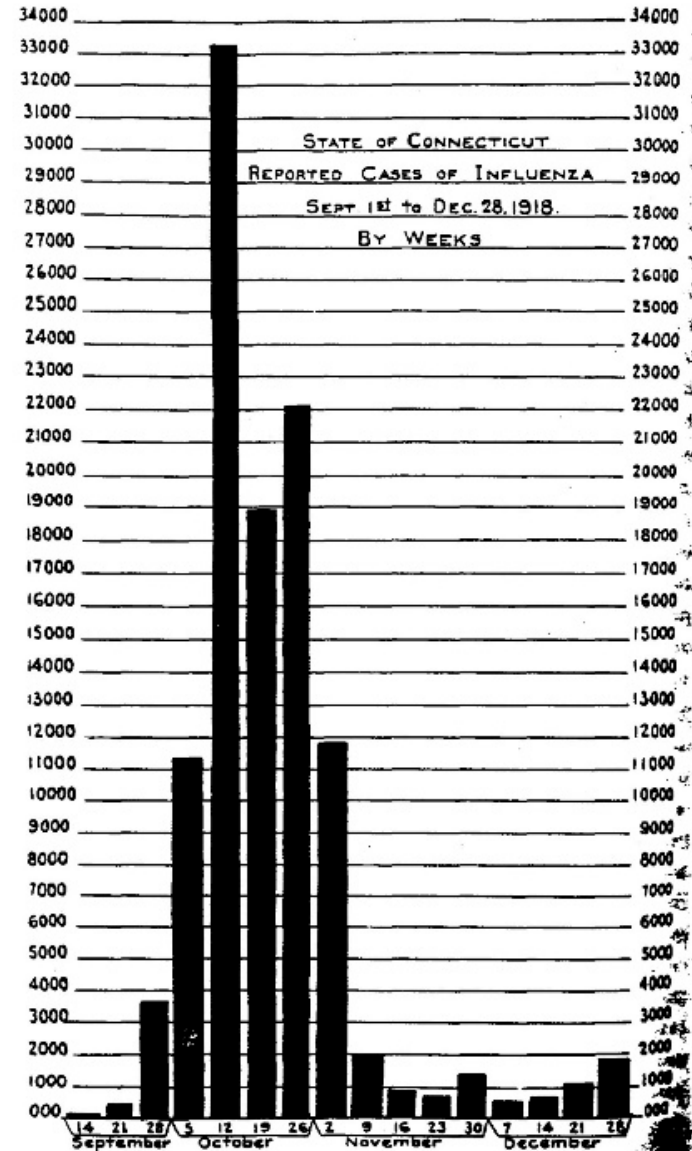


Fig. 1—Reported Cases of Influenza, Sept. 1 to Dec. 28, 1918

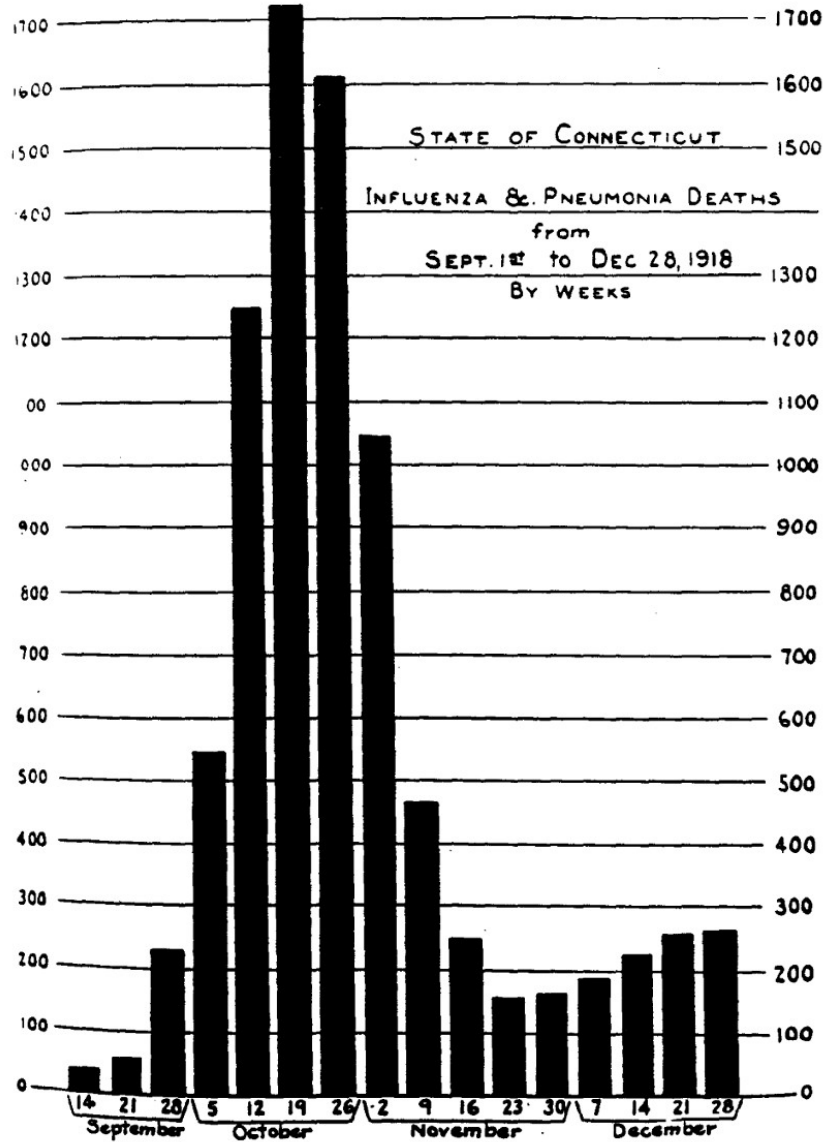


Fig. 2—Influenza and Pneumonia Deaths, Sept. 1 to Dec. 28, 1918

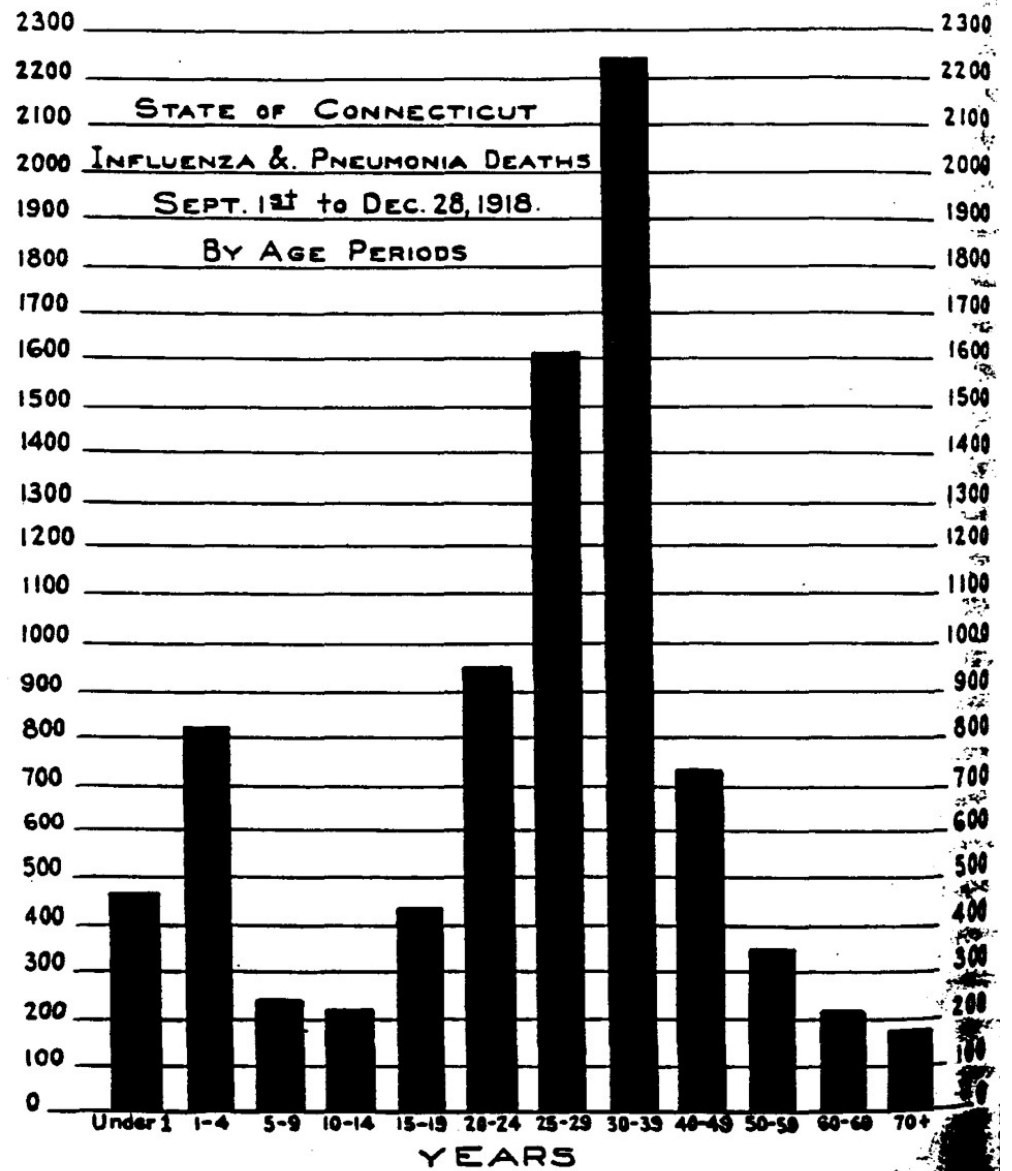


Fig. 3—Influenza and Pneumonia Deaths by Age Periods

STATISTICS OF THE 1918 EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA IN CONNECTICUT

WITH A CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCED THE
PREVALENCE OF THIS DISEASE IN VARIOUS
COMMUNITIES


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From the Department of Public Health, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.

GENERAL HISTORY OF THE EPIDEMIC IN CONNECTICUT

According to the information courteously furnished to us by Dr. T. E. Reeks, epidemiologist of the State Department of Health:

“Influenza first appeared as an epidemic in Connecticut in New London, in the eastern part of the State, on or about September 1, 1918, when several cases of the disease were reported by the naval hospital at New London. These cases came primarily from the Experimental Station and Fort Trumbull where vessels from foreign ports had discharged patients. Within a day or two several cases were brought to the hospital from the submarine base located two miles above New London. About one hundred cases were sent to the New London naval hospital within the first ten days of September.



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Fig. 4.- Median day of influenza epidemic in each county of Connecticut. Figures represent dates in October.

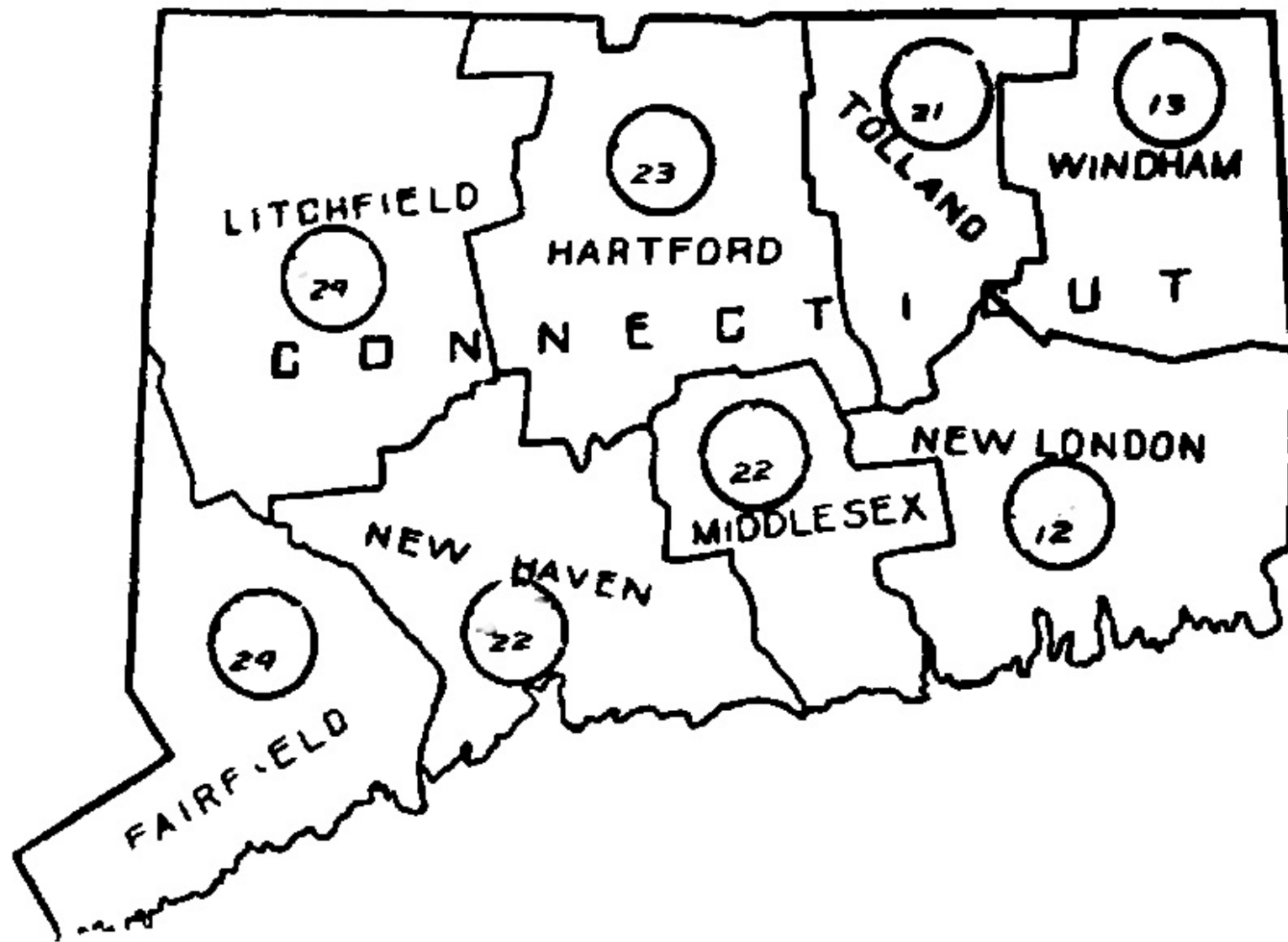


Fig. 7.-Severity of influenza epidemic by counties . Average death rate from all causes, September to December, 1918, on annual basis; deaths per 1,000

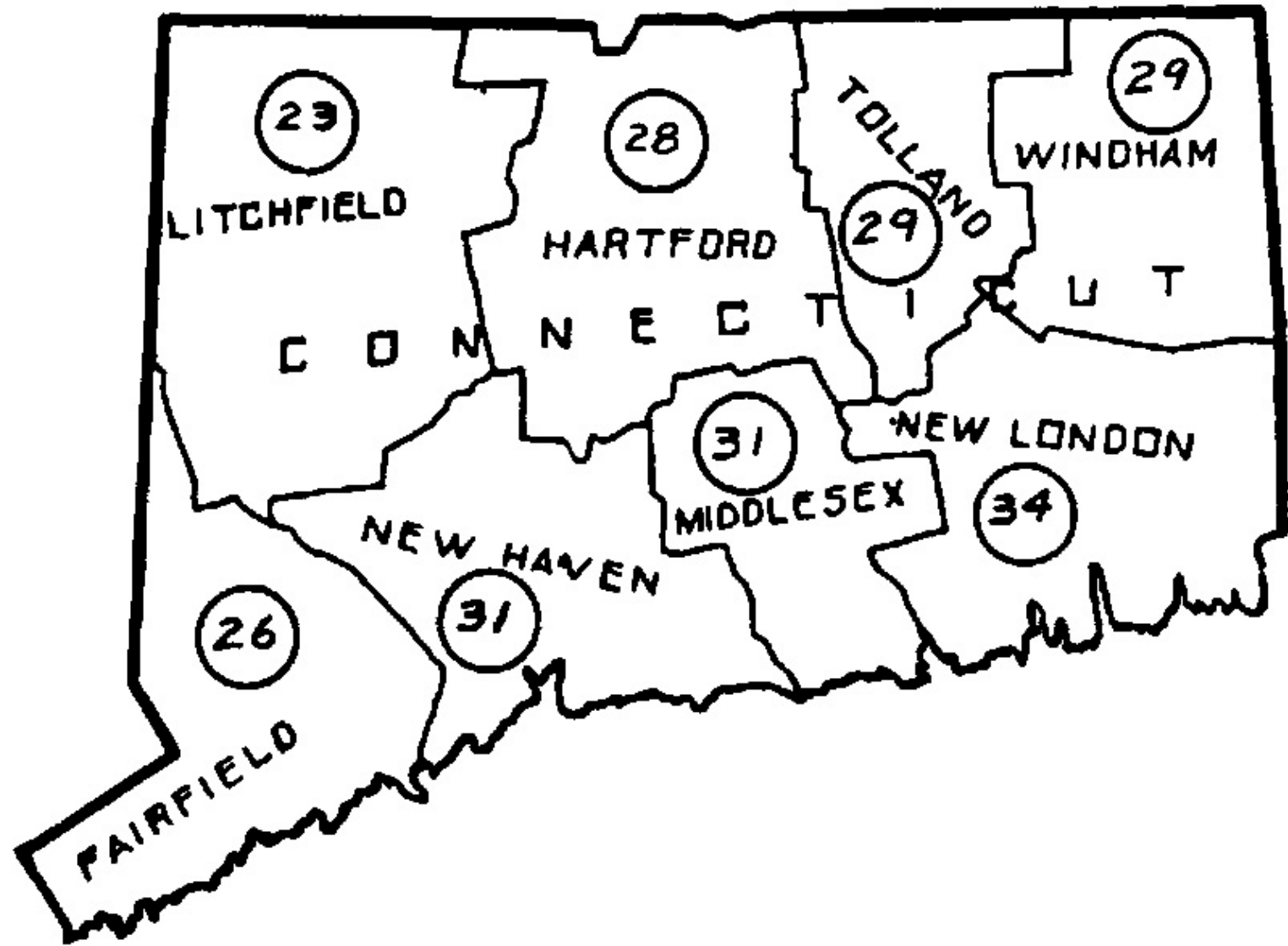


TABLE 15
DEATH RATE FROM ALL CAUSES

Group 1 Rate under 15	Group 2 Rates 15-19	Group 3 Rates 20-24	Group 4 Rates 25-29
Darien..... 10 Milford..... 13	Glastonbury.... 15 Stafford..... 16 E. Hartford.... 17 Manchester.... 17 New Milford.... 17 Stratford..... 17 Berlin..... 18 Plainfield..... 18	Hamden..... 20 Wallingford.... 20 Fairfield..... 21 Watertown.... 22 Windsor..... 22 Towns under 5,000..... 22 Branford..... 24 Killingly..... 24 Torrington.... 24	Enfield..... 25 Bridgeport.... 26 Bristol..... 26 Stonington.... 26 Danbury..... 27 Plymouth..... 27 Southington... 27 Stamford..... 27 New Haven.... 29 Norwalk..... 29 Orange..... 29 Shelton..... 29
Group 5 Rates 30-34	Group 6 Rates 35-39	Group 7 Rates 40-44	Group 8 Rate over 45
Ansonia..... 31 Greenwich..... 31 New Britain.... 31 Groton..... 32 Westport..... 32 Winchester.... 33 Hartford..... 34 Vernon..... 34 W. Hartford... 34	Waterbury..... 35 Naugatuck.... 36 Norwich..... 37 Meriden..... 38 Putnam..... 38	New London... 40 Seymour..... 40 Middletown... 42 Windham..... 43	Derby..... 56
			DEATH RATE (TOTAL) PER 1,000 ON ANNUAL BASIS

The Weather
For Bridgeport and vicinity
Wednesday probably light
snow or rain, colder.

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ALMANAC FOR TODAY

High water	7:08 a. m.
Low water	1:02 p. m.
Length of day	11:15 a. m.
Day's darkness	5:55 p. m.
High water	10:40 p. m.
Low water	4:57 a. m.

ASSERTS SIMS RARELY TOOK SEA TRIP Board of Education To Make Every Effort To Keep Schools Open EPIDEMIC'S SCOPE INCREASING HOURLY

DIRECT AND SHARP ISSUE IS TAKEN BY SECRETARY OF NAVY

AWAIT WORD CONCERNING 2 U. S. OFFICERS

Engines Trouble Forced Them Down—Technical By Their Arrest

St. Paul, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Word was received today concerning the disappearance of the U. S. S. Albatross, a minesweeper, which was reported to have been lost in the Gulf of Mexico. The ship was on a mission to sweep the mine fields in the Gulf of Mexico. The ship was last seen on the 28th of January. The ship was carrying a full complement of crew and passengers. The ship was reported to have been in the Gulf of Mexico for several days. The ship was reported to have been in the Gulf of Mexico for several days. The ship was reported to have been in the Gulf of Mexico for several days.

Gives Figures Showing That in 25 Years Sims Served About 16 on Shore and Nine at Sea

Washington, Feb. 3.—Taking up the continuation of Rear Admiral William S. Sims in the matter of naval awards, paid by point, Secretary Daniels in his appearance today before the Senate's Investigating Sub-Committee, took direct and emphatic issue with the admiral's charges of favoritism. The admiral's charges were that he had been favored in the awarding of medals and decorations. The admiral's charges were that he had been favored in the awarding of medals and decorations. The admiral's charges were that he had been favored in the awarding of medals and decorations.

DID NOT SCHEME FOR SEAT

Newberry Entered Campaign At Instance of Others.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 3.—The man in Newberry entered the 1918 senatorial campaign in Michigan at the instigation of others and not in the hope of securing a seat in the Senate, it was learned today. The man in Newberry entered the 1918 senatorial campaign in Michigan at the instigation of others and not in the hope of securing a seat in the Senate, it was learned today.

64 Teachers On Sick List

Some of Instructors Are Teaching Both Sessions of High School.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—The 64 teachers on the sick list in the city are being called upon to teach both sessions of the day. The 64 teachers on the sick list in the city are being called upon to teach both sessions of the day. The 64 teachers on the sick list in the city are being called upon to teach both sessions of the day.

APPROVE DRAFT OF HUNNOTE

Will Be Given At Once To German Representatives.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The draft of the note to be sent to Germany with the view of securing the release of the prisoners of war is being approved by the Council of Ambassadors. The draft of the note to be sent to Germany with the view of securing the release of the prisoners of war is being approved by the Council of Ambassadors.

51 NEW CASES ARE REPORTED MAKING THE TOTAL NOW 591

Health Dept. is Handicapped Because Physicians Are Not Reporting Their Cases Until Deaths Occur—One Lethal Yesterday.

There seems to be no apparent decrease in the spread of Spanish influenza over Bridgeport. Up until noon today 51 new cases had been reported, bringing the grand total of victims to 591. The health department is handicapped because physicians are not reporting their cases until deaths occur. One lethal case occurred yesterday.

CHANGE MADE IN OFFICERS OF BRASS CO.

C. F. Brooker, President for Twenty-ninth Year, Has Retired.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—The officers of the Brass Company have been changed for the twenty-ninth year. C. F. Brooker, president for twenty-nine years, has retired. The officers of the Brass Company have been changed for the twenty-ninth year.

WILSON NOT APPT TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson is not likely to leave Washington for some time, his appointment to the office of the President of the United States has been announced. The President of the United States has been announced.

RACE SUICIDE UNKNOWN TO THIS FAMILY

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Six children were reported to have been killed in a race suicide in Albany, N. Y. The children were reported to have been killed in a race suicide in Albany, N. Y.

MORAN'S DEATH IS BIG SHOCK TO HIS FRIENDS

Had Just Been Notified of Appointment to Department of Justice.

Many friends of John Edward Moran are shocked by the news of his death. Moran had just been notified of his appointment to the Department of Justice. The news of his death is a big shock to his friends.

BUCKLEY IS APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY

Chosen to Succeed E. W. Harrah on the Board of Appointments.

Mayor Wilson announced the appointment of E. W. Buckley to the Board of Appointments. Buckley is chosen to succeed E. W. Harrah on the Board of Appointments.

THREATENED WOMAN WITH A REVOLVER

Osterlund Was Dragging Girl Up Cannon Street When Arrested.

A woman was threatened with a revolver by a man named Osterlund. Osterlund was dragging a girl up Cannon Street when he was arrested. The woman was threatened with a revolver by a man named Osterlund.

WOMEN WANT WORKABLE LAW ON CHILD LABOR

Women are demanding a workable law on child labor. The women want a law that will protect children from the dangers of child labor. The women want a law that will protect children from the dangers of child labor.

EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO NOW IMPROVING

The epidemic in Chicago is now improving. The number of cases is decreasing and the death toll is falling. The epidemic in Chicago is now improving.

Statesmen's Understudies Are Now Settling Issues

'LITTLE CONGRESS' NOW IN SESSION AND OCCUPIES ITS TIME WITH AFFAIRS OF MOMENT

The 'little congress' is now in session and is settling issues. The members of the 'little congress' are busy with the affairs of the moment. The 'little congress' is now in session and is settling issues.

ANDREWS' DEATH WAS RESULT OF MEN CONSPIRING

MEXICO NOW HAS EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

Andrews' death was the result of a conspiracy. The men who conspired against Andrews are now being investigated. Mexico now has an epidemic of influenza.

NICHOLS BRINGS SUIT ON PATENTS ON WATER HEATER

SHIP FORCED TO LOWER HER ITALIAN FLAG

Nichols has brought a suit on patents on a water heater. The ship was forced to lower its Italian flag. Nichols has brought a suit on patents on a water heater.

SHIP FORCED TO LOWER HER ITALIAN FLAG

APARTMENT HOUSING 200 PEOPLE LEVELLED TO THE GROUND—OVER FIFTY BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED

A fire destroyed an apartment housing 200 people and over fifty business houses. The fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire destroyed an apartment housing 200 people and over fifty business houses.

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