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sore to night, not only my throat but it
extends down to my lungs. I have bought
3 sticks of cough candy for 10 cts which
I am taking, hoping it will benefit me.
I was paid \$34 two months pay last Wednesday.
\$15 of it I sent to the Hadwin and the remainder
with the addition of \$1. to it, to make out your
allotment, I think I paid out enough for
the family to make up what you paid
Lowell for the team to carry me to Worcester
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I have butter enough to last me several weeks
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