

NO PUBLIC SMOKING BY WOMEN NOW

**The Sullivan Ordinance, to be
Passed by the Aldermen To-
day, Makes It Illegal.**

WILL THE LADIES REBEL

**As the Ladies of New Amsterdam Did
When Peter Stuyvesant Ordered
Them to Wear Broad Flounces?**

After to-day it will be against the law for a hotel or restaurant proprietor, or any one else managing or owning a "public place" to allow women to smoke in public. After a brief hearing yesterday the Committee on Laws of the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the Sullivan anti-smoke ordinance which will be reported to-day and will pass the Board of Aldermen without the slightest doubt.

The Sullivan ordinance does not make it an offense for a woman to smoke, but it does make it an offense for the manager or proprietor of a public place to allow her to smoke therein, and for doing so he may suffer the revocation of his license and also be fined. The ordinance was suggested by the announcement made just before New Year's Eve that in certain restaurants smoking by women would be permitted.

At the hearing there were present eleven women and fifteen men. Four persons spoke against the ordinance, though two of these favored the general purport of it. At the conclusion the committee, which consists of Aldermen Redmond, Devine, McCann, Reardon, Walsh, Kenny, Mulcahy, Delancey, Gaynor, Schloss, and Schneider, signed a favorable report. Sullivan's control in the board is absolute, and he will rush the new law through to-day.

The first speaker was "Little Tim" himself, who said that he had never seen women smoking in the public places in his district, though it is on the lower east side. He explained exactly how the law would operate and stated very emphatically that several leading restaurant keepers had approved of it.

Dr. Charles J. Pease wanted an amendment making it a crime for "any person or persons" to smoke in a public place where there were women, who ought not to be forced to inhale tobacco fumes. Alderman B. W. B. Brown opposed the ordinance on purely legal grounds. John Henry Smith, shaking his fist at Alderman Sullivan, said it would be much better for the board to concern itself with the hardships of the poor than with "such nonsensical things" as smoking by a few women in a restaurant. If the Aldermen were going to take up the matter at all, why didn't they prohibit everybody smoking, especially boys under 21?

Alderman Doull said the ordinance was unconstitutional, and recalled old William Kieft, Governor of New Amsterdam, who tried to prohibit all smoking, and how the burghers sat around his house and actually smoked him out. He recalled Peter Stuyvesant's order that all women should wear broad flounces and only dance "shuffle and turn" steps, bringing down on his head the wrath of all the women, who threatened to wear no petticoats at all, and finally were allowed to do as they pleased, "a privilege they have jealously guarded ever since."

"Bobbie" Roberts and a lot of other girls from Wallack's had their carfare paid by the press agent of "A Knight for a Day," and Miss Roberts told how "we girls from Chicago" thought the Aldermen ought to stop automobiles going so fast that they made ladies of the theatrical profession hop, skip, and jump across the street, instead of passing anti-smoke ordinances. She asserted that "we girls from Chicago" didn't smoke, any way.

COW HOLDS UP A RAILROAD.

**Reposes Peacefully on the Tracks Till
Policeman Arrests Her.**

Policeman Matthew Bomgard of the Coney Island force, hurried to Avenue U last night in answer to repeated alarm whistles from trains of the Culver line of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit to find two stalled Manhattan-bound trains. In front of the foremost a group of puzzled trainmen gathered about a cow reposing on the track, comfortably chewing her cud. The trainmen said the trains had been stalled twenty minutes. They had pulled, kicked, and beaten without effect. They had even tried twisting the cow's tail.

Bomgard was once a farmer and knows bovine nature. Gathering an armful of grass, he piled it temptingly near the cow at the side of the tracks. After some contemplation, the cow struggled to her feet and moved toward it. There was a rush for the cars and the trains went on.

Then Bomgard got a rope and deputized three boys armed with sticks. The cow was pulled and prodded for two miles to the Coney Island station, where Bomgard reported an arrest for obstruction of traffic. The cow was picketed in the rear of the station house and Mrs. Mary Birmingham, supposed owner, was notified.