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**FIGHT FOR SCHOOL RATE**  
*Staten Islanders Protest Against Increase in Fare for Children.*

Residents of Staten Island and representatives of the Board of Education appeared before Commissioner McCarrill, yesterday, to protest against the abolition of the 12 monthly school rate which the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway heretofore has maintained, but which it has announced will be wiped out on January 1 under a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission that such rates are discriminatory and illegal. School principals testified that this would work a great hardship, and parents said that they would be forced to take children from school because of the added expense, but the only representative of the railroad company present, who said that he was not there, emphatically declared that he believed the rate could not and should not be continued.

The proceeding yesterday was the result of a complaint order against the railroad, following a letter written by Chairman Willcox on December 1 declaring that the abolition of the school rate was not demanded by the commission and asking that a new tariff schedule be filed at once.

Joseph P. Cotton, Jr., counsel and a director of the road, was asked by Commissioner McCarrill to make some statement as to the railroad's reasons for abolishing the school rate. He explained that the road had not been summoned to appear, as he was not present in any official capacity. Personally, he said, he believed the railroad was under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and so could not avoid abolishing these reduced rates.

Andrew Powell, a vice-president of the Fifth Ward Improvement Association, said he had been told that there was a sentiment in the board of directors of the road to continue the rates, at least until July 1.

"If they can retain the rates that long," said he, "I don't see why they should not be continued altogether."

No such proposition ever came before the board of directors," said Mr. Cotton.

"Do you question my veracity or that of my informant?" challenged Mr. Powell.

"Oh! I question nobody's veracity," retorted Mr. Cotton. "But I never heard of any such proposition, and I am forced to think there has been some mistake somewhere."

Frank D. Wilsey, a member of the committee on supplies of the Board of Education, said there were about forty elementary school children on Staten Island who had to be transported by the Board of Education, because that was cheaper than to build a new school, and this rise in rates would increase the cost of that operation about 300 per cent. Unquestionably, also, in the Curtis High School there were pupils who would have to drop out on account of the increased cost. The budget of the Board of Education was made up, he said, and there was no provision for this extra cost for the elementary school children, so that would mean serious retrenchment elsewhere, as the children must be taken to school.

Harry F. Towle, principal of the Curtis High School, said fifty-nine of his pupils would be affected, and five or six already had told him they would have to drop out after January 1.

"I know three orphans, who live at Tottenville," said he. "They are supported by an aunt, a school teacher, and she intends to become a school teacher. But she will have to stop school as they cannot afford the \$18.75 it will cost for transportation each month."

"I understand fully how great a hardship this rise in rates is," interposed Mr. Cotton, "and the antagonism toward the road which it will engender. Nobody more than I regrets that. But what else, under the law, can be done?"

"Do the directors desire to continue the school rates if they are not illegal?" asked Arthur Du Bois, of counsel for the commission.

Mr. Cotton had no direct answer to this question.

**NO MORE HUMAN CAGES.**  
*Ruling of Appellate Division on Old Tenement Houses Explained.*

There will be no further increase of small rooms in tenement houses, like cages for animals, in which people are expected to live," said John P. O'Brien, who is Assistant Corporation Counsel, in charge of the Tenement House Department law division yesterday. He explained the results of the unanimous decision of the Appellate Division in affirming an order of the lower court, in which the higher court wrote no opinion in disposing of the matter.

The point involved was whether or not any owner of tenement house property constructed prior to the enactment of the tenement house law, April 22, 1898, and commonly known as "old" tenements, could be permitted under the tenement house act to alter a room in a house in such manner as to reduce the floor space to fifty-nine square feet.

"The Corporation Counsel contended," Mr. O'Brien said, "that no change could be made in the room of an existing tenement house to diminish its light and ventilation in manner not approved by the tenement house commissioner, and further, that where changes were being made in the rooms of old tenements they would not be allowed to diminish the floor space less than seventy square feet.

This decision is of vital importance, and will prove very effectual in the work of carrying out tenement house reforms in the city of New York, particularly in the congested districts. There are many violations of record involving the so-called dark rooms, which have been the subject of much discussion in the recent tuberculosis convention.

This decision will mean, to a certain extent, the prevention of the erection of small, poorly ventilated rooms when the matter came up before Justice Gerard in the Supreme Court he, in a long opinion, upheld the tenement house commissioner by denying the motion for a mandamus, and he and the department are both sustained by the higher court."

J. A. Ertzinger, counsel for the United Real Estate Association, said yesterday that he was considering the question of going to the Court of Appeals, and, falling that, an effort would be made to amend the tenement house law.

"The situation as it now stands is so ruinous to real estate owners that we feel sure some remedy should be afforded us," said Mr. Ertzinger. "One feature of the law is an example, that covering the repairs of an old tenement partly destroyed by fire. Fire may burn away the stairs on the third floor, and in replacing them nothing but iron may be used, though all the remainder of the structure is of wood, usually built of wood, may continue below and above the new work, according to the tenement house law."

**SEEKS JEWELRY SHE GAVE TO BANK.**  
*Orange Woman, Whose Husband Is Charged with Being Defaulter, Repents Act.*

Orange, N. J., Dec. 26 (Special).—Mrs. Edward R. Towse, Jr., whose husband is charged with obtaining \$10,000 from the People's Bank of East Orange by overdrafts, has given most of the jewelry she received from her husband as wedding gifts to the bank. Now she regrets her act. On advice of counsel she says she wishes to have the jewelry returned to her, which is worth more to her than its intrinsic value.

"When the lawyer (meaning Jerome Dudley Godley, representing the bank) called late Thursday afternoon I gave him all my jewelry," said Mrs. Towse to-day. "But since then I have been convinced that this was unnecessary, and while I want to see justice in some of these things, I am more prone to some as wedding gifts than they can be to anybody else in the world."

**BOY OF ELEVEN TELLS OF BURGLARY.**  
*His "Pal" Threatened Him, He Said, if He Didn't Go Through Window.*

"Phil" Bonner, aged eleven years, was before the bar in the Adams street police court, Brooklyn, yesterday, to tell whether he really was or was not a burglar.

"I see, it was dis' way," he piped. "me pal, what's a Frenchy named Pergely, said he'd knock me black out if I didn't go in de store, so I told him I'd do what he ast. I squeezed tru de broken window, wid him behind, when I jest den he yells 'cheese ut, de bulls!' and I druck. But it ain't no use, for de cops hauls me out by me collar."

The boy was turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Albert Pergellet, twenty-four years old, was held for the grand jury. It is charged that the thief stole the store of Henry Hagan, at No. 25 Hicks street, on Christmas night.

**TRACHOMA CAUSES SHIP'S DETENTION.**  
*Valparaiso, Dec. 26.—The steamer Carabella, from Yokohama, is in quarantine at Iquique with trachoma on board. Three of the Chinamen on the vessel made their escape, and are at present in hiding on shore. It is feared that the trouble will spread.*

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**TO LET UP ON MAYOR**  
*Tammany Halts in Repudiation—Organization Weakening.*

Tammany as an organization has temporarily abandoned a plan urged by many of the district leaders to adopt a resolution at the reorganization meeting on Tuesday night repudiating the McClellan administration. It may be that a resolution will be passed at the instance of the Sullivan's declaring against the Sunday closing of moving picture shows, on the ground that it is an abridgment of personal liberty. The Tammany leaders have always been strong for what they consider personal liberty. It sounds good from the rostrum, and there are precedents for it.

The executive and general committees are not likely to go far in repudiating McClellan on Tuesday night. Most of the leaders feel like doing it, but Charles F. Murphy has been advised by the conservative men in the organization to go slow in that direction. At the reorganization meeting various resolutions may be passed, but the talk yesterday indicated that nothing touching upon the Mayor's campaign of 1908 would be brought up.

There is a strong probability that J. Sergeant Cram will be re-elected chairman of the general committee and Thomas F. McAvoy chairman of the executive committee. There will be changes in the standing committees, but they will not be important. Daniel F. Cohan still is the "white haired boy" of the Wigwam, and he will continue as head of the law committee.

Tammany faces the new year in a demoralized condition. The district leaders admit privately that they haven't an even chance of electing a Mayor next fall. They admit that if the Republican use good judgment in bringing about a fusion they not only will elect a city ticket but will carry New York County and control the next Board of Aldermen.

The hardest blow received by Tammany in the last decade was the passage and enforcement of the Finch law, providing for the duplicate signing by every elector of the registration roll and inspectors' records at every election. Sheriff Foley has admitted to personal friends that this law will cost Tammany 20,000 votes in the districts south of 14th street every year. It has almost killed off false registration and repeating. Tammany's winning margin in New York County is now again wiped out, and the organization will never again have such "easy sledding" in rolling up fraudulent pluralities in the downtown districts.

Mayor McClellan has been a bitter disappointment to Boss Murphy. The Tammany chieftain and the district leaders hoped that the "Catskill aqueduct" work would furnish almost unlimited patronage. The Mayor from the inception of the project has blocked all efforts to Tammanyize the work.

The Mayor will make a number of changes the first of the year in the heads of departments, but it is doubtful if he will consult the Tammany men about them.

"It looks to me," said a member of the executive committee last night, "as if we would lose everything at the coming mayoralty election. If we go down next fall for a four-year tenure of anti-Tammany interests in the City Hall it would not surprise me if we never came back as a corporation." The Tammany men have been going against us steadily of late, and I suspect that the glory of Tammany has gone, never to return."

**NO SPEECHES AT PARSONS DINNER.**  
*But Republican Executive Committeemen and Guests Will Discuss Situation.*

Many matters of political interest to the Republican organization of this county will be discussed at the dinner which is to be given by the Republican Executive Committee for Congressman Herbert Parsons, president of that body, at the Republican Club on Tuesday night. It was planned as a compliment to Congressman Parsons for the work done by him in directing the Republican end of the recent campaign in New York County. It is to cost \$20 a plate and is to be limited to sixty plates.

In addition to the members of the executive committee, only the Republican members of the Legislature, the congressmen from this county and a few others have been invited. State Chairman Woodruff has been invited, but it is uncertain whether or not he will be present.

It is announced that no speeches will be made, but it is certain that politics will be talked, including the coming mayoralty campaign. Another topic will be the appointees under the state officials.

**EXPULSION OF SIXTEEN CADETS.**  
*Nine Deficient in Discipline, Others in Mathematics.*

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Sixteen cadets were dismissed to-day from the United States Military Academy at West Point and sent home. Two belonged to the first class, six to the third and eight to the fourth.

Nine were deficient in discipline, including the two first class men, and the others failed in mathematics.

**ENOUGH UNSKILLED LABOR AT CANAL.**  
*Le Roy Park, Who Sent 15,000 Spaniards to Isthmus, Returns to This City.*

After acting in Paris for three years as an agent of the War Department in procuring foreign laborers for the Panama Canal, Le Roy Park arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his wife, on the French liner La Lorraine. Mr. Park said that in his experience of three years abroad he had sent to the Canal Zone about 15,000 laborers, the greater part of whom were selected from Northern Spain. Part of whom were the Spanish government had recently passed a law making the emigration of her people to any particular place subject to governmental approval. This was directed partially at the emigration to the isthmus, because Spain was loath to see so many of her able bodied citizens emigrate for Panama. This restriction, Mr. Park remarked, has been lifted, and the American government has now at work all the unskilled laborers it needs.

**REPORTS 50 TUBERCULOSIS CURES.**  
*Forty-one Patients Now at Sea Breeze Hospital Said To Be on Road to Recovery.*

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, which conducts the Sea Breeze Hospital at Coney Island, reports that in the last two years fifty patients have been cured there of tuberculosis of the bones, glands and joints. There are forty-one patients there now, and all are said to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery. It was said that this record demonstrated the value and advantages of seaside treatment in these cases.

The association is still awaiting the acquisition by the city of an appropriate site for what is intended shall be an adequate municipal hospital for the care of non-surgical tuberculosis in children. The plans for this hospital have been drawn. The association has raised a fund of \$250,000 to construct the first division.

**HOSPITALS WANT TEN DIETITIANS.**  
*Salary \$720 to \$1,500 to Good Scientific Cook—Place for Bacteriologist.*

The Department of Public Charities and Relief and Allied Hospitals are looking for ten dietitians, men and women, and on January 21 the Municipal Civil Service Commission will examine candidates for that many vacancies. A dietitian in one of the hospitals is an important auxiliary in the care of patients. The kitchens maintained are models, and those who are employed to manage them must know all the latest methods of preparing palatable and healthful food. Candidates for these places must have had two years' experience in an approved school of domestic science or its equivalent. In the marking of the papers technical knowledge will count for six of the ten marks and experience for four. The salaries paid for these posts are from \$720 to \$1,500 a year.

The Health Department wants a bacteriologist, and the Civil Service Commission will hold an examination to fill the place on January 25. There again experience will count to the extent of four points. The candidates must have taken a course in bacteriology in some medical college of recognized standing and must also have had practical experience in a reputable bacteriological laboratory. Women may compete in this examination. This place carries a salary of \$2,300 a year.

**ALLEGED SMUGGLED CHINAMEN HELD.**  
*Five Chinamen, who were arrested when they left a Pennsylvania train in Jersey City on Friday morning by Antonio Daleandino, immigration inspector, were held yesterday by Linsley Rowe, United States Commissioner, for further examination on charges of violation of the Chinese exclusion act. It is alleged that they evaded the government officials when they came in from Mexico and eluded pursuing officials at Chicago. One, who escaped from Daleandino in the Exchange Place carshed, was recaptured by Patrolman Frank Regan in Palisade avenue before daybreak. They are in the Essex County Jail.*

**GIFTS TO MEN HE JAILED.**  
*Judge Makes Christmas Presents to Those He Sentenced.*

Albany, Dec. 26.—An unusual incident in prison life, that of a county judge presenting Christmas gifts to the convicts he had sentenced to prison in the course of the year, was reported to-day by C. V. Collins, State Superintendent of Prisons. A box was received at Clinton prison yesterday, accompanied by a letter from Joseph L. Moore, of Fort Plain, county judge of Montgomery County, requesting that the contents of the box be presented to those named if not inconsistent with the rules had sentenced to be prisoners whom the present year. Superintendent Collins authorized the distribution of the gifts.

**PEOPLES' BATH TO CLOSE DOORS.**  
*Nearly Two Million Persons Have Patronized It in Seventeen Years.*

The People's Bath, at No. 9 Centre Market Place, said to be the oldest public bath in this city, will close its doors on January 1. In the seventeen years it has been doing business nearly two million persons have patronized it.

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has charge of the bath. This year it was found necessary to make extensive repairs, but the association did not feel justified in the money required, as it found better spending elsewhere. The association will continue, however, to carry on the Milbank Memorial Bath, at No. 327 East 26th street, which will be found more suitable for public convenience than the old People's Bath.

Since the building of the People's Bath eight public baths have been built in Manhattan and five in Brooklyn, costing in all nearly \$2,000,000.

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 At Half Prices  
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 Coats, Dresses and Bonnets  
 At Less Than Half Prices  
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**STEAMERS ARRIVE COATED WITH ICE.**  
*Lucania and La Lorraine First Vessels to Show Signs of Wintry Weather.*

The first ice-coated transatlantic liners to come to port this winter were the Cunarder *Lucania* and *La Lorraine* of the French Line, which arrived yesterday. Both steamers reported occasional heavy weather on the westward passage, but the reports of their logs and the good run they made showed that the Atlantic was not as turbulent as it has been during the last five weeks.

The *Lucania* and *La Lorraine* encountered several snow and hail storms, and although the weather cleared when nearing port the temperature dropped considerably, and the frozen moisture about the masts, the bow and the rails was in evidence as the steamers came up from Quarantine. A Christmas dinner was served on both vessels. The *Lucania* brought in 2,600 sacks of belated Christmas mail.

**FIGHT IN ARRESTING POLICEMAN.**  
*Patrolman, Twice in Trouble, Dismissed After Flourishing Revolver in Saloon.*

George H. McCabe, the policeman of the Fifth street station, Manhattan, who terrified a crowd of women in the grocery store of John H. Mulligan, No. 352 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, on November 23, was arrested in uniform when he ran wild with a loaded revolver in his hand in Witten's saloon, No. 139 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, on Christmas night. The arrest was concocted by the police of the Bergen street station, where he was taken in the patrol wagon after half an hour's struggle with Sergeant Henry C. Wickerhaven, and he was not taken to court for trial yesterday on the intoxication and assault charges. The Bergen street police said he was still too intoxicated to appear.

Commissioner Bingham presided at the trial of McCabe on the first charge, and reserved decision. It was announced at the Brooklyn police headquarters yesterday afternoon that the belligerent policeman had been discharged from the force.

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**SABBATH ALLIANCE MEETS TO-MORROW.**

The December meeting of the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance will be held to-morrow morning at No. 126 Fifth avenue, Room 735. The alliance is entering on its fiftieth year, and has elected its officers for 1909.