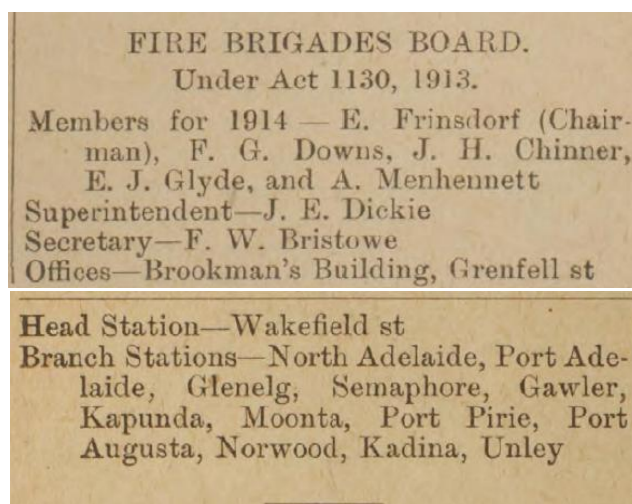


Adelaide Fire Brigade 1915

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FIRE IN THE CITY.

A WAREHOUSE GUTTED.

At about 1.35 a.m. on Wednesday the Adelaide Fire Brigade Station received a call from the fire alarm near the Royal Admiral Hotel, in Hindley street. With great promptitude the motor reels, ladders, and other equipment were on their way to the spot. In the meanwhile the flames had mounted high in the air and were visible for miles, leaping above the adjacent buildings.

The site of the fire was discovered to be in Mr. W. A. Langsford's premises, between Curriestreet and Hindley-street. The contents were of such an inflammable nature that the fire had got a firm hold before the brigade arrived. They were quickly followed by several suburban reels, and very soon a strong force of water was being poured into the midst of the flames. The work of the firemen was so well directed that the fire was soon under control, and within half an hour all danger was over.

The building was completed only a couple of months ago. It was a substantial brick warehouse and was well stocked with chocolates imported from Toblers and other firms for which Mr. Langsford is the agent. The place is in a small court off Light-square, and next door is a large stable containing 30 or 40 horses. Fortunately the brigade was able to prevent the fire from spreading to it. The premises on the Currie-street side were connected with livery stables in which were also a large number of horses. Soon all the police available were busy rescuing these animals, the cries of some of which could be heard. They were all quickly taken out and made the street lively with the clatter of their hoofs.

Mr. Langsford's premises were completely gutted. The building was a single-storey one, with a basement, the lower portion being occupied by Mr. O. Heysen, provision merchant. The fire brigade report that the Trustee and Agency Company had control of the building (it is part of the estate of the late G. Laughton), which, with the contents of the portion occupied by Mr. Langford, was insured for £4,500 with the United Company and £2,700 with the Commercial Union. The stock in Mr. Heysen's portion of the premises was insured with the Western Company for £2,000, and was considerably damaged. Mr. Heysen informed a reporter that he estimated the damage at about £1,000. The stock consisted mainly of eggs in pickle, and

there was a large quantity of casks, chaff, and empty cases. He had not visited his portion of the premises since Christmas Eve, as the stock there had not been required. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The flames spread to the adjoining premises of the Adelaide Furniture Company, a small part of which was damaged by fire. The contents also suffered a little from fire and water, but the brigade extinguished the flames before they secured a good hold.

It could be seen in daylight that the interior of the building was completely gutted. The firemen left about 4 a.m., the blaze having then been subdued, but on Wednesday afternoon a fireman was engaged pouring water on a quantity of chaff in the basement which was smouldering and sending out a lot of smoke. In view of the fact that a stiff breeze was blowing from the south-west when the fire was at its height the brigade must have worked very hard to confine the flames to the one building, as other structures abut almost on the brick walls and appear to have been in considerable danger. The brigade may be complimented upon having effected a particularly good save and in preventing the fire from doing damage to the neighboring premises. The building of the Adelaide Furniture Company was not much damaged. The factory and contents were insured with the Yorkshire Company for £1,000.

A large quantity of water gathered in the basement, and a steamer of the Fire Brigade on Wednesday was engaged pumping it out.

[A portion of the above appeared in yesterday's second edition.]

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 3 February 1915, page 3

FIRES

BOARDING HOUSE DAMAGED

Fire, smoke, and water caused slight damage to Mrs. A. E. Curran's boarding house at 137 Hindley street, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The damage confined to the dining room, where a quantity of furniture was affected. Mr. Curran went to bed about 11.30 p.m. on Monday. A few minutes before 1 o'clock, he opened the front door to admit a boarder. Everything in the house was then intact. Subsequently an inmate of the house, Miss May Fennel, awoke. She was almost choking from the effects of the thick smoke that filled the room. She sprang out of bed and groped her way to the passage. There she saw the glare from the flames that were attacking the furniture in the dining-room and she raised the alarm. Constable C. E. Moore called up the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 4 February 1915, page 7

A SMALL FIRE.

In response to a call received by telephone, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade proceeded to Regent street, Kensington, to the residence of Mr. W. T. Halse, early on Wednesday afternoon. On arrival they discovered that the verandah which is utilised as a kitchen had been damaged. Vera Halse, aged 13, and Lucy Halse, aged 5 were slightly burned.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 17 February 1915, page 1

A SMALL FIRE.

Shortly after 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening the City Fire Brigade received a telephone call to Pirie-street and found that a small fire had broken out on the premises of Messrs. Barlow & Sons coach-builders of Hindmarsh-square. The outbreak was quickly got under and the damage was confined to the charring of a few pieces of timber. It is supposed that the fire was caused by sparks from a furnace in the smiths shop on the premises.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 27 February 1915, page 10

FIRE BRIGADE ACTIVITIES.

The annual report of the South Australian Fire Brigades Board for 1914 shows that the fire-fighting organizations under the control of that body are well maintaining their reputation for usefulness. The number of calls to fires or supposed fires during the past year was 326, an increase of 19 compared with the corresponding period last year. The calls are classified as follows:— 29 fires resulting in serious damage, 152 involving slight damage, 19 grass and rubbish fires, 14 chimney fires, 58 malicious and 54 ordinary false alarms (line faults). In comparison with the year 1913 there was an increase of 19 fires resulting in serious damage, and of 23 fires causing slight damage. De-creases of 14 grass and rubbish fires, 2 chimney fires, and 12 malicious false alarms are noted. The false alarms due to line faults increased by five. The rules and regulations passed by the Adelaide City Council governing the stacking of timber have been brought into operation during the year. These provisions have been the cause of fire breaks being erected, thus minimising the risk to surrounding properties. The whole of the fire brigade plants are in good order. The new switchboards, fire alarm boxes, and generators provided for in the 1914 estimates have come to hand, and will be installed as time permits. The total strength of the brigades under Superintendent J. E. Dickie's command number 87 permanent officers and firemen, seven auxiliary fire men, and 21 auxiliary men for theatre duties. The discipline and efficiency of the brigades are said to be all that could be desired.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 16 March 1915, page 8

SMALL FIRE IN HANSON STREET.

About 11.30 a.m. yesterday the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was called to the premises of Messrs. F. W. & H. Montague, corner of Hanson and Angas streets. A mattress was ablaze in an upstairs room, and the flames were extinguished before the fire spread.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 16 March 1915, page 3

SMALL FIRE AT KENT TOWN.

About 11 p.m. on Saturday the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a telephone message stating there was a fire in Little Grenfell street, Kent Town. Proceeding to the spot the firemen discovered a stable on fire at the rear of Mr. A. E. Collins' home. Slight damage resulted to the floor.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 12 April 1915, page 4

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED OUT.

The fire brigade received a call on Saturday afternoon to a house in Franklin street, occupied by Mr. F. Hume, a painter, and owned by Messrs. Clarke Brothers. A partition between two of the rooms had caught fire, but the alarm was so quickly given and so promptly responded to that the flames were prevented from spreading, and the partition was only slightly damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 12 April 1915, page 6

SMALL FIRE IN FRANKLIN STREET.

About 3.45 p.m. on Saturday the Fire Brigade was notified that a fire had broken out at the premises of Mr. Hume, 104 Franklin street, motor painting workshops. The fire was extinguished before the flames secured a hold, and only trifling damage to the building resulted.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 22 April 1915, page 3

FIRE BRIGADE DEMONSTRATIONS.

The demonstrations which have been held at the head fire station each Tuesday night during the summer months will be discontinued after Tuesday next. The stations will, however, be open to the public for inspection on Tuesday evening. These demonstrations have been well patronised, and have resulted in a good sum being collected for the Red Cross Fund.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 28 April 1915, page 8

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

FIRE REEL AND ELECTRIC TRAM COLLIDE.

A collision occurred on the Magill-road early on Tuesday morning between the hose carriage from the Norwood Fire Station and an electric tram. The scene of the impact was a crossing between Osmond-terrace and Nelson-street. A call was received at the Norwood Fire Station at 5.53 a.m., from Harrow-road, St. Peters, which eventually turned out to be a false alarm. It was in proceeding to answer the call that the hose carriage came to grief. Station-officer Bland was in charge, with a crew of three men, but they escaped uninjured, although the reel was slightly damaged. The two horses attached to the appliance sustained no injury. The front windows of the electric car were smashed.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Friday 30 April 1915, page 5

CASUALTIES

FIRE IN A CAFE.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night a fire broke out in a back bedroom of Melville Cafe, Hindley street. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade turned out and quickly quenched the flames. The bed in the room was destroyed and portion of the floor. Beyond that there was no serious damage.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Saturday 8 May 1915, page 13

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT NORWOOD.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call on Friday evening, through the Norwood Fire Station, from a house in First avenue, East Adelaide, occupied by Mr. H. S. Christiansen, adjoining whose premises was a wood-and-iron shed, containing bedroom furniture, which was burnt, and slight damage caused to the rear portion of the roof of the main building. The premises, which are owned by Mr. C. Hutton, of Marlborough street, East Adelaide, were insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 17 May 1915, page 9

A SMALL FIRE.

At about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call from the Rundle-street fire alarm, and on arriving there it was ascertained that the dining-room of the premises occupied by Mr. W. Tredrea, and owned by Mr. W. Charlick, had caught alight by a kerosine lamp being left lighted on the table. The table and floor were only slightly damaged by fire. The contents of the room were insured with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, for £150.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 5 June 1915, page 5

A SMALL FIRE.

At about 9 o'clock to-night the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call by telephone to the Trades Hall, in Grote street, where a small conflagration was noticed. One room was slightly damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 5 June 1915, page 4

FIRE AT THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.

At 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday screams were heard from the patients in one of the wards of the Adelaide Hospital who had discovered that the ward was ablaze.

The screams of the patients, after some delay, attracted the nurses, who rushed to the scene. Furious beating was found to be of no avail, and the emergency fire hose was brought into operation, and after strenuous efforts the fire was extinguished. Although the patients beds had ignited it is gratifying to learn that the burns they received were not of a serious nature. Several of the nurses were burned considerably about the hands, and it was found necessary to remove one nurse to the sick room as a result of the shock and burning injuries. It is not known how the fire originated.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 7 June 1915, page 6

SMALL FIRE.

A small fire occurred in one of the rooms occupied by the Eight Hours Celebration Committee at the Trades Hall on Saturday evening. The Fire Brigade received a call at 9 o'clock, and a reel was promptly sent out. One room was slightly damaged and a basket of flowers and bunting was scorched. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 8 June 1915, page 4

A SMALL FIRE.

About 10.15 last night the fire brigade received a call to North terrace. The services of the men were required at the Commercial Travellers' Club, where a hotwater pipe had become overheated. The only damage was the scorching of some woodwork of the cabin in the front of the building.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 10 July 1915, page 7

FIRE BRIGADE CALLS.

The Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call by telephone about 5 o'clock yesterday morning from Henley Beach road, Mile-End. A fire had broken, out in a tailor's shop occupied by Mr. E. Tettelbeck, and owned by Mr. A. Simpson, Medindie. Slight damage was caused to the counter and fittings. The building is insured in the Ocean Insurance Company for £100. About 8 o'clock last evening the brigade received a call from the Public Library block, North terrace. A blaze occurred in a tramcar through a wire fusing, but no damage was done.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 12 July 1915, page 7

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT EAST-END MARKET.

At 10.58 p.m. on Saturday, a call was received at the Fire Brigade Station, from the Tavistock street fire alarm. On the arrival of the brigade, a building used as a store was found to be alight in the western portion of the East-End Market. The stores affected were occupied by Messrs. Thompson & Walker, fruit packers; G. Grunert, box and bag store; C. Turner, baker and confectioner, and George Porritt, fruit hawker. The building, which was of iron and wood, also the woodwork of the roof of the market, were severely damaged by fire. Superintendent Dickie said on Sunday that a statement had been made that the alarm near the market was apparently defective, and that in consequence considerable time elapsed before the arrival of the brigade. The alarm, he declared, was tested after the fire, and was found to be in order. Possibly in his excitement, the person who gave the alarm did not manipulate the instrument properly. To ensure the adequate protection of the public each fire alarm as tested twice daily,

and also, in addition, once a week by an outside call. The fire was quickly extinguished, and it is understood that a fire insurance policy for £200 covered portion of the premises.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 22 July 1915, page 9

CASUALTIES.

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE.

Great excitement was caused in King William street about half-past 11 on Wednesday night through a turnout of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, an response to a call from an alarm near the Union Bank. Two motors and one horse vehicle were hurried to the scene before it was discovered that an evilly disposed person had played a malicious practical joke. When near Grenfell street one of the larger fire brigade vehicles knocked down a soldier named John Murphy, who, with other volunteers, had congregated in the vicinity of a charabanc. He was at once taken in the Adelaide Hospital, where it was ascertained that he had escaped harm. Murphy subsequently returned to camp at Mitcham.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 27 July 1915, page 10

FIRE NEAR HURTLE SQUARE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call at 2 a.m. on Monday, and found the motor and cycle factory of Messrs. Horner Brothers, on the south-west corner of Hurtle square, ablaze. The alarm was given by James Rowling, of Leicester street, Parkside. Despite the efforts of the firemen, considerable damage, was done.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 18 August 1915, page 11

FIRE IN HINDLEY STREET.

At 6.34 p.m. on Tuesday the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was summoned by means of the Bank street alarm to a fire which had broken out at Mr. & J. McAllister's printing works in Hindley street. The brigade, under Chief Officer Dickie, was quickly in attendance and soon got the outbreak under control. A portion of the top floor and ceiling, as well as the ground floor, was damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Tuesday 31 August 1915, page 4

CHIMNEY FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call from the Light-square fire alarm on Tuesday, and on arrival it was found that a chimney of the Colonel Light Hotel was on fire. The flames were soon extinguished, and little or no damage was done.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 6 September 1915, page 2

CITY FIRE ALARM.

At 7 o'clock last night the Fire Brigade received a call from the Wyatt street fire alarm in the vicinity of Pirie street to Mrs. Duxford's tearooms, where there was found to be a chimney fire. The blaze was extinguished. and no damage was done.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Tuesday 21 September 1915, page 2

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT ROSE PARK.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock on Monday evening the fire brigade received a call by telephone from Rose Park. Reels hastened to a spot between Swaine and Grant avenues, where joinery premises, owned and occupied by Messrs. A. R. Maddern & Son, contractors, were ablaze.

The fire had a good hold of the building before the arrival of the brigade, and the heat was terrific. A shed 50 ft. by 40 ft., of galvanized iron and wood, was gutted, and an equipment of modern carpentering appliances, including motor power, was destroyed. Fortunately large jobs had just been completed, and the structure contained less than had been in it for some time previously. The cause of the fire is unknown. The premises are covered by insurance for about £1,200, with the Royal Company. Mr. A. R. Maddern lives in Prescott terrace, about a quarter of a mile away. One of his sons resides in close proximity to the premises. The latter, with his father, was returning from Prescott terrace when he noticed a reflection of fire in the neighbourhood. It soon became evident that the conflagration was near the workshop, and just as they arrived at the spot the fire brigade appeared. A machinist in the employ of Mr. Maddern was engaged at the place until 6 o'clock. A neighbour, Mr. J. Hayes, who first noticed the flames, said they appeared to show up from the northern corner of the building, where the electric motor was installed. The only conclusion arrived at regarding the outbreak is that the electric wires fused. Mr. Maddern estimated the damage at £1,600 to £1,700. He has been in the present premises for six years. Unfortunately he had just completed the up-to-date equipment. A small motor car was also destroyed.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 25 September 1915, page 7

FIRE AT PARKSIDE.

The Fire Brigade received a call to Parkside this afternoon to extinguish a blaze on the premises of Mr. S. M. Thorpe, a grocer, in Davey street. On arrival it was discovered that a shed and contents were well alight. The outbreak was quickly subdued, but not before considerable damage had been caused by the flames. The contents were not insured, but the building was covered by the State Bank. The cause of the outbreak is not known.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 16 October 1915, page 35

ANZAC DAY

STIRRING DEMONSTRATION IN ADELAIDE

The Tram Smash.

With an alarming crash two tramcars met in a head-on collision at the Adelaide Oval on Wednesday afternoon. One big difference between the "accident" and the ordinary street smashes in the city was that the Adelaide Oval affair could have been avoided had not the promoters of Anzac Day thought it would draw a big crowd, and therefore swell the Wounded Soldiers Fund. It was an unusual spectacle to see two tramcars set against each other at something approaching top speed on a single line of track. Extensive arrangements were made to arrange the smash—a real American novelty. When it was proposed the general manager of the Tramways Trust (Mr. W. G. T. Goodman) offered to assist in the matter. Two obsolete horse tramcars were hooked at either end on platforms about 20 ft. high. The track over which they were to speed dipped from each platform, and was almost level with the ground in the middle. Thousands of eyes were strained on the cars as they were started on their last run. As each second passed the cars gathered more speed. The huge crowd waited in suppressed excitement as the cars bolted towards each other at a speed of about 16 miles per hour. The effect of the collision was startling. Explosions of detonators placed on the rails added to the din. The cars burst into flames immediately the impact took place, this having previously been arranged for. Fifteen thousand people were thrilled by an incident rarely seen. Extensive damage was done when the cars were piled against each other. Nearly eight tons of wood and iron were involved in the collision. To the ordinary eye-witness it was like watching two tramcars melt into a shapeless mass of twisted iron and splintered wood. The flames completed the total destruction of the cars. The tramcars were purchased for £15, and the erection of the staging and the laying of the track cost about £100. The moving picture rights were sold for £25.



State Library of South Australia - Tram car [PRG 280/1/8/438], A tram car that has been taken to Adelaide Oval carrying passengers for the last time before its destruction by fire as part of a fund raising exercise during World War I. According to a researcher, the tram was destroyed on Adelaide Oval on 13 October 1915 as part of a fund raising event for our wounded soldiers. 1915. Part of Searcy Collection.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Thursday 14 October 1915, page 6

ADELAIDE OVAL

SPLENDID PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

The Tramway Smash.

The American sensation—a real tramway smash—did not eventuate until the other items were all finished, and it was full of excitement. Extensive arrangements had been made for it. Huge piles of timber had been built up at the north and south ends of the oval, allowing for such a slope of the rails as was calculated to bring the trams together with a terrific crash. Cars—the old horse type—were placed on the high ends of the staging, and at a signal these were released—but not before the crowd had been cleared back from the stands, for fear of splintering wood. The car from the south raced the other towards the bottom of the incline, and climbed a few feet on the other side—then came the impact! In a moment the place was in an uproar. The cars burst into flame instantly, and were a ball of fire, while from every side the crowd poured in to see the ruin. The south car had smashed one corner into the other, and a number of wheels were broken off. Remarkably little woodwork was destroyed. The "smash" was quite as sensational as was expected and sent the crowd home in a good humor while the firemen set to work to extinguish the flames which were ravenously devouring the old cars.



PRG 280/1/3/9

State Library of South Australia - Large crowds watching an old horse tram being destroyed by fire [PRG 280/1/3/9], Large crowds watching an old horse tram being destroyed by fire as one of the events during a fund-raising display in aid of the fighting forces during the first World War. 1915, Part of Searcy Collection.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 13 November 1915, page 7

FIRE ON EAST TERRACE.

The fire brigade received a call about 12.35 yesterday to a fire on East terrace. The reel and the motor responded and found the fire to be in the detached buildings connected with the boarding house of Miss N. Dwyer. The firemen soon extinguished the flames, which damaged slightly, a couple of bedrooms and some other property. No explanation of the cause of the fire could be obtained, Insurance in the Sun Company covered the loss.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 15 November 1915, page 2

A SMALL FIRE.

Shortly before 7 p.m. on Sunday the Fire Brigade received a call from premises in Pirie-street, occupied by Mr. A. R. Wenzel, upholsterer. Deputy-Chief Officer Cooper turned out the first motor appliance. The fire was located in a store-room at the rear of the premises, and was subdued before the flames made much headway. The damage was slight.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Thursday 25 November 1915, page 7

A SMALL FIRE.

At 8.27 a.m. yesterday the Fire Brigade was called to a fire in Ifould street, city. The blaze was in a house owned and occupied by J. R. Manning. A spark from a fire in the wash house caused the outbreak, which was extinguished before any material damage was done.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 1 December 1915, page 11

A SMALL FIRE.

The Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call from Whitmore-square about 4 pm on Tuesday, to premises, at 109, Wright-street, occupied by Mrs. T. Walsh. The heat from a stove in the kitchen ignited some clothes. The flames spread to the adjoining premises, occupied by Mrs. Reed. The back verandah of both houses were slightly damaged. Mrs. Walsh was slightly burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Thursday 2 December 1915, page 6

FIRE IN WRIGHT STREET.

The fire brigade received a call to a fire at 109 Wright street on Tuesday afternoon, at 4.12 o'clock. They found that the back premises of a house occupied by Mrs. Patrick Walsh were on fire. The blaze spread to the rear of the adjoining house occupied by Mrs. Reed before the brigade extinguished it. The fire area did not extend beyond the back verandah in either case. Mrs. Walsh stated that she was taking in the milk at the front door when the fire broke out. There was a small stove there—the verandahs serving as kitchens in both instances—and also a methylated spirit lamp standing about 3 ft. away. The matter has been reported to the coroner.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 20 December 1915, page 3

FIRE IN GROTE-STREET.

At 1.19 a.m. on Sunday a man rushed to the Fire Brigade Station and gave the alarm of fire. Three appliances were turned out, and it was found that the La France Sweets Depot, conducted by Mr. Joseph, in Grote-street, was well alight. The fire was extinguished, but not before the shop, counter, and contents were severely damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 27 December 1915, page 4

NEW SEASON'S GRASS FIRE.

The first suburban grass fire of the season is reported from Mile-End. At noon on Sunday the Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call from that district, and on arrival found that grass on the railway line near to the Hilton Bridge was burning. The flames, which had apparently been caused by sparks from a locomotive, were speedily extinguished.