

Adelaide Fire Brigade 1916

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 1 January 1916, page 7

GIRL FATALLY BURNT.

HAIRWASH IN FLAMES.

AN EVANDALE SENSATION.

Flames sprang from a bowl of methylated spirits being used to wash her hair by Miss Annie Anderson, of Janet street, Evandale. and caused her death to-day. The young woman was engaged in her task in the shade of a trellis at the back of her parents home at about 10 o'clock this morning. There is a copper in the yard, and it is conjectured that a spark flew in the inflammable liquid. A piercing cry was heard by Mrs. Anderson, who immediately hurried out, when she was horrified to discover that her daughter was on fire. An alarm was raised, and several neighbours arrived on the scene of the conflagration within a minute or two. The victim, was already in an unconscious condition. Nearly all her hair had disappeared, and most of her clothing was destroyed. A stretcher of bedclothes was improvised, and the unfortunate girl was removed inside the house. Medical aid was summoned, but she never rallied, and expired during the afternoon. The deceased was only recently discharged from the Adelaide Hospital, of which institution she had been an inmate for some time. An inquest will no doubt be held.

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— A Burning Accident. —

In attempting, it is supposed, to extinguish a fire which broke out at her home, at Gray street. Adelaide, at about 10.30 o'clock on Friday evening, Mrs. J. Savill received burns which necessitated her removal to the Adelaide Hospital. The fire, which damaged several curtains and a quantity of old clothes, was extinguished by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, the members of which also rendered first aid to the injured woman.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 3 January 1916, page 4

A SMALL BLAZE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call at 3.35 on Sunday afternoon to an outbreak of fire at a house owned by Messrs. Hutchison and Considine, at 6 Nelson place, Carrington street, Adelaide, occupied by Mr. Thomas McIntosh. On arrival at the house the conflagration was found to be in a galvanized-iron leanto, used as a bedroom. The fire was quickly got under, but bedding, a stretcher, a couch, and a quantity of clothing were destroyed. The contents of the room were uninsured.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 5 January 1916, page 1

DEATH FROM BURNS.

Mrs. Annie Saville, who received serious burning injuries as the result of the breaking of a lamp which set fire to her clothing at a house in Gray-street, City, on Friday last, died at the Adelaide Hospital shortly before 12 o'clock on Tuesday night. The Coroner has decided not to hold an inquest.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 6 January 1916, page 7

FIRE BRIGADE BUSY.

Wednesday, the hottest day of the year up to the present, proved a busy time for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, which received five calls from different parts of Adelaide and

suburbs. Three of these fires were, however, very trivial. Of the remaining two, one occurred at Leader street, Unley, when a grass fire spread to an outhouse, the property of Mr. Bernard Knight. The structure was destroyed, and the contents were damaged. Fruit trees and 50 ft. of fencing were also ruined. The other fire was noticed shortly after 2 o'clock, on the property of Mrs. C. Drew. Dulwich avenue, Dulwich, when a spark from a fire set alight a wood and iron laundry, which was damaged. The contents were demolished.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Thursday 6 January 1916, page 7

FIRE BRIGADE BUSY

FOUR SMALL OUTBREAKS.

The Adelaide Fire Brigade was kept busy yesterday owing to a number of small fires breaking out. The firemen received their first call at 8.25 a.m., to a small fire at 56 McLaren street, city, where the flames in a chimney threatened to burn the kitchen down. They were quickly extinguished before much damage was done.

The warehouse connected with the residence of Mrs. E. Drew, of Dulwich avenue, Dulwich, caught fire at 2 o'clock, and the brigade quickly reached the scene and extinguished the flames before they did much damage.

At 3.22 p.m. a grass fire, which commenced in the grounds of the Keswick Military Depot, extended to the house occupied by Mr. Bernard Knight, of Leader street. Goodwood. The House and contents were slightly damaged and 50 ft. of fencing were destroyed, as well as a number of fruit trees.

About 3.30 p.m. the brigade was called to Century street, North Adelaide, where a fire had broken out in a shop occupied by Mr. R. Kimber, wheat and chaff merchant. The brigade quenched the flames before any damage was done to the building.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 8 January 1916, page 9

OUR FIREFIGHTERS.

A Visit to the Brigade.

During the hot summer months, when grass and wood become dry and easily ignited, the danger arising from fires is naturally great. In this period of the year thoughts turn to the body of men who, day and night, are on the alert for the call of "fire"— ready to spring from their beds and throw on their uniforms at a minute's notice, and speed away to the scene of the blaze.

—Firemen, and Enlistment:—

A visit paid by a representative of The Register to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Wakefield street on Friday afternoon, and a talk with the chief officer (Mr. J. F. Dickie) elicited much interesting information regarding the percentage of fire-men who have enlisted for active service at the war. "When war was declared," said Mr. Dickie, "practically the whole of the staff desired to volunteer, but the protection of the State had to be considered, and only a percentage of the men were allowed to leave. When the explanation was made the majority of the men appeared satisfied to stay on, All the men on leave have to be replaced and trained, and it is absolutely essential that their successors shall be physically and mentally fit. Some difficulty has been experienced in finding efficient substitutes for the men who have left, as the training is necessarily a protracted proceeding." "How many men have you on the permanent staff?" queried the reporter. Mr. Dickie replied that the permanent employes in the protected areas in South Australia numbered 87, while there were 25 auxiliaries on emergency and theatre duties. Thirty-six of the permanent employes were stationed at Adelaide, 17 at Port Adelaide, 7 at Port Pirie, 4 each at North Adelaide, Norwood, and Unley, 3 at the Semaphore and Glenelg, 2 at Gawler, Kapunda, Moonta, and Kadina, and 1 at Port

Augusta. Sixteen of the permanent employes are officers, and of the remaining 71, 30 have gone to the war, a percentage of 42.

—Conflagrations Decreasing.—

In 1915 the lowest number of fires for eight years was recorded, and in no case was any great loss incurred. The cause of this, to a large extent, was due, no doubt, to the fact that the brigade received early calls on every occasion, and these were answered with promptitude. There was a reduction in the number of malicious false alarms received. Unless it is absolutely necessary all the appliances and men are never sent out to one blaze, as it is deemed advisable always to have some one on hand in case of another call.

— A Strenuous Life. —

A fireman's life is by no means easy. Most of the men live on the premises, while some of the married members of the staff have quarters immediately opposite to the station in Wakefield street, where bells are laid on. The men are constantly on duty, and practically prisoners at the station. They are within summons by the bells the whole time, except every eighth day, when they are given 24 hours' leave; and every fourth day, when six hours' leave is allowed. Even during the time they are not on duty a blaze of consequence will bring the men back posthaste to their work. Every hour has its specific duties. The horses are exercised for half an hour each day independent of any runs which they may get. There are the stables to clean and appliances to be tried. Fire alarms are tested twice every 24 hours from the station, and at least once a week from the alarms. There is no specialization of the men in regard to appliances. Every man must know the duties appertaining to each and they are constantly changed from ladder to reel, reel to motor, and motor to steamer, in the same manner as in the case of a gun crew. The men thus become equal to any emergency. The single men have a mess, to which they all contribute. Accommodation is provided free, as are the uniforms.

— Seamen and Firemen.—

In the past it has been the practice to draw firemen from the ranks of seafaring men, but this is almost impossible at present, and adds to the difficulty of finding suitable men to fill the places of those who have departed. Being afloat brings out qualities requisite for a fireman. In a number of cases nautical terms are retained by the men. Most of the repairs and the keeping of bells in order are carried out by the employes. The men are constantly practising in the gymnasium, and twice a week a physical drill instructor visits the station for the purpose of keeping the men fit, and not allowing the muscles to get out of working order.

—Motor v. Horse Vehicles.—

When questioned regarding the relative value of horse and motor vehicles for fire purposes, Mr. Dickie expressed himself as strongly in favour of the motor, which, he said, had proved far more efficient in the matter of speed. Some of the motor engines could attain a speed of between 30 and 40 miles an hour. The fire extinguishing apparatus at present at the station included a motor fire engine, combination hose carriage and fire escape, three steamers, a reel, a utility van, and about 15,000 ft. of hose. A ladder which extended 64 ft. had also been introduced.

—Neatness and Orderliness. —

The reporter's visit concluded with a tour of the building. A remarkable feature was the neatness and orderliness, which prevailed throughout the whole station. The men looked alert and neat, clad as they were, in smart working clothes. Mr. Dickie has had considerable experience as a fireman, as he joined the London Fire Brigade in 1883. In 1885 he first became connected with the South Australian Brigade, and has continued with it practically ever since. He was second in charge under the late Mr. F. W. Rickwood, and succeeded as chief officer when the latter died.

A CITY FIRE.

ON BOXMAKER'S PREMISES.

LITTLE BOY AND MATCHES.

A fire occurred on the Cairns-street premises of Messrs. B. Walters & Co., boxmakers, of Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Saturday afternoon. The outbreak was noticed about 3.30, and the Fire Brigade promptly answered a call. It was found that some timber stacks were ablaze, and work was immediately begun with the hoses. The paling fence of the adjoining property was destroyed by the flames, as was also a wood and iron out house, and the wood and iron work of the verandah. But slight damage was done to the house, which is occupied by Mr. J. Radford. The furniture in the rear rooms, however, was removed to a safer zone on the roadway. The firemen had a smoky task, but so well did they work that the fire was quickly under control, and a large quantity of timber stacked in and about wood and iron structures on the premises was saved. The outbreak was completely mastered within half an hour. The timber was valued at £300. The place was not insured.

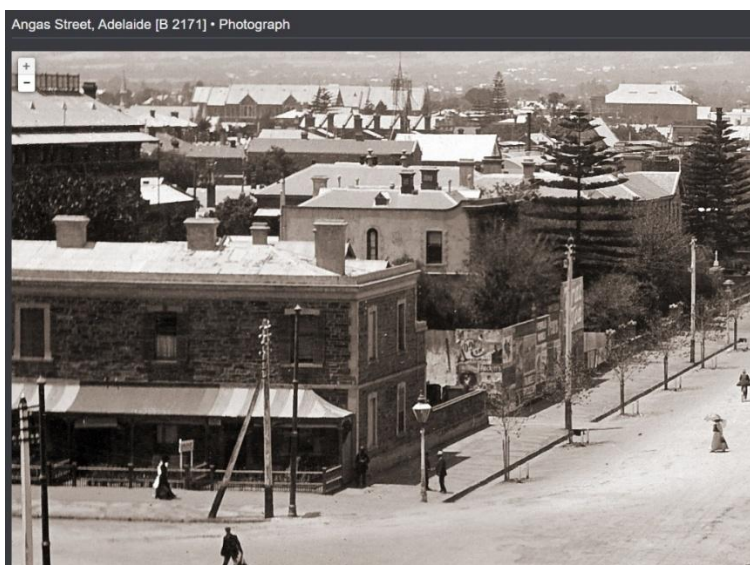
The scene of the occurrence was at the rear of the residence of Mr. B. Walters, which has a frontage on Gilles-street. Mr. Walters informed Constable Shinnick that his little grandson, who is about four years of age, was in the yard, playing with matches. He ran to his grandfather, and called out "Fire!" Mr. Walters at once noticed the blaze, and called out to Mr. G. Jene, who communicated with the Fire Station.

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FIRE IN ANGAS STREET.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call by telephone about 4.12 this afternoon to the property opposite the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a fire had broken out in the galvanised iron and wood building which was used as a stage when the canvas hippodrome was in existence. The brigade were promptly on the scene, but it was impossible to save the building, which was completely destroyed. A number of vans containing theatrical property, and which supported the stage, were saved from the flames, but not before they were considerably damaged. Deputy Chief Officer Cooper was in charge of the fire, but no details could be obtained as to the ownership of the property or its insurance. It is thought that the blaze originated through some children playing with matches.

Royal Hippodrome, Angas Street North side adjacent to Landrowna-terrace buildings.



*State Library of South Australia - Angas Street, Adelaide [B 2171], Angas Street, Adelaide, looking east from King William Street in 1911. The view was taken from the Supreme Court building. The Magistrates Courts building is in the foreground. People amble across the road and horses and buggies stand at the roadside. On the other side of Angas Street, is Landrowna Terrace, later [February 1923] to be demolished and replaced with the Tram barn. 1911. Photographer, Gabriel, Francis. Part of Acre 375 Collection **

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 21 February 1916, page 5

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT HIPPODROME.

The old structure in Angas street, close to the Metropolitan Police Station, known as the Royal Hippodrome, was demolished by fire on Saturday afternoon. The Fire Brigade was summoned by telephone at about 4 o'clock, and under Deputy Chief G. P. Cooper, a large staff, with two motor engines and a horse reel, were quickly on the scene of the outbreak. The building, however, was well alight before their arrival, and they directed their efforts principally to restraining the area of the conflagration. The building, which was constructed of wood and galvanized iron, was practically only a "shell," and was quickly consumed. In a lean-to at the rear three old vans, which years ago were utilized by the proprietors of Bostock and Wombwell's travelling menageries, contained theatrical appurtenances, and efforts were made to preserve some of their contents. Shortly after the outbreak, which is thought to have begun in the north-eastern corner of the building, Mr. A. Wilson, a one-time employe of the previous lessees (Messrs. Coffee & Powell), communicated with the residence of Mr. Powell, who was away from home. The Hippodrome, which for some time was utilized for vaudeville and picture entertainments, has been unoccupied for about nine months. The land is now the property of the Municipal Tramways Trust.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 21 February 1916, page 7

FIRE IN ADELAIDE.

OLD HIPPODROME BURNT.

Excitement was caused in Adelaide shortly after 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon by the appearance of a dense column of smoke rising from somewhere at the rear of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The fumes were carried by the breeze in a north-westerly direction, along King William-street, and into the western half of the city for a considerable distance. A dense crowd quickly assembled at the scene of the fire, which was found to be raging in what was known as the old Hippodrome, in Angas-street. The premises, which had caught alight, were situated on the allotment recently purchased, together with the Landrowna-terrace buildings, by the Municipal Tramways Trust for the purpose of erecting central administrative offices and an auxiliary car depot. The structure was of galvanized iron and wood, and was used all last summer by the Cole Dramatic Company for stage, dressing-rooms, and storage of scenery and stage properties. A big tent used to be adjacent to it for the audience. It lay between Landrowna-terrace and Dr. Gunson's residence, in Angas-street, in proximity to the southern end of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Since it had fallen into disuse the place was not of particular value, except possibly for disposal as secondhand iron and wood. The front of the structure was 33 ft. high, and it sloped back about 20 ft. to much smaller dimensions.

The cause of the fire was not ascertained. Among the first to notice it was a tramway conductor, who ran into the Metropolitan Police-station and informed Detective Dedman and Constable Howe. A telephone message was immediately sent to the fire brigade, and men and appliances arrived within a short space of time. Had a strong wind been blowing the properties in the neighborhood would have been in serious danger. A fence at the side of Dr. Gunson's premises became ignited, but was promptly extinguished. Sparks were also carried towards Messrs. Jackett Bros.' grain and flour store in Victoria-square east, and the Cathedral grounds were filled with smoke. The flames were speedily got under control, although it was

impossible to save the old Hippodrome from destruction. As the beams were burned the sheets of iron fell one after another under the strong force of water from the hoses. About 4.30 a large section came down bodily with a loud crash. Ten minutes later only a lot of smouldering embers remained. The sheds and materials, were owned by Mr. Frederick Woods, of Wakefield-street, city, and were not insured.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 21 February 1916, page 8

A CITY BLAZE

A HIPPODROME DESTROYED

A dense volume of smoke ascending skywards was the signal to draw a large crowd of people to the direction of Angas street on Saturday afternoon, when the iron and timber structure known as the Hippodrome open-air theatre was destroyed by fire. The premises, which were comprised of dry timber and other material, which was easily ignited, was soon levelled to the ground. The fire brigade was summoned at 4.12 p.m., and was on the scene almost immediately, but the fire had obtained so substantial a hold that beyond restricting the flames to the heart of the conflagration the firemen were helpless. After burning fiercely for about 20 minute the roof of the shed fell in, and the flames were then soon squelched. The premises, which were situated at the back of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, on a block recently purchased by the Tramways Trust, was formerly in the occupancy of Mr. J. E. Cole, who was conducting a dramatic show, and more recently a picture show, in them. Mr. Frederick Woods, a builder and contractor, of Wakefield street, owned the iron and timber which comprised the building, and which was not insured. Mr. B. Lennon, of Sayers & Lennon, stated that his company owned a large quantity of electrical fittings, and also the stage, which were destroyed. He understood that several waggons and some scenery were also burnt. One waggon was very sumptuously fitted up, and Mr. Cole had his living apartments in it. Mr. Cole is at present at Broken Hill, and had intended to open his show again shortly in the premises which were destroyed. The report furnished by the Fire Brigade stated that the origin of the fire was believed to have been children playing with matches.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Friday 25 February 1916, page 4

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

RECORD OF A YEAR'S WORK.

The annual report of the Fire Brigade's Board, states that a recommendation has been made to his Excellency the Governor that the Fire Brigades Act shall apply to portion of the District of Kadina. Upon the extension referred to being proclaimed a new fire district will be constituted. A similar recommendation has been made in regard to Thebarton and portion of the District of West Torrens, which on being proclaimed will be called "Thebarton Fire District."

The chief officer's report states:—During the year the number of calls to fires, or supposed fires, was 253, being a decrease of 73 as compared with the previous year. These are classified as follows—11 fires of serious damage, 129 fires of slight damage, 15 grass and rubbish fires, 13 chimney fires, 56 false alarms (malicious), and 29 false alarms (line faults). Compared with the year 1914 this shows a decrease of 18 in fires of serious damage, a decrease of 23 in fires of slight damage, a decrease of 1 in grass and rubbish fires, a decrease of 1 in chimney fires, a decrease of 2 in malicious false alarms, and a decrease of 25 in false alarms due to line faults. The number of calls for 1915 is the lowest since the year 1907, the totals being as follows:—1907, 188; 1908, 270; 1909, 277; 1910, 257; 1911, 352; 1912, 366; 1913, 307; 1914, 326; 1915, 253. Fourteen additional fire alarms have been installed, making a total of 209 in use. The whole of the plant is in good order. A Clement Talbot chassis was purchased and converted into a motor hose carriage, and placed on duty at the Gawler station in place of the tri-car. This appliance has proved a valuable addition to the plant. New switchboards, fire alarm boxes and generators have been installed, and are a

great improvement. The hose couplings throughout the brigade are being replaced by new ones of a standard pattern. The total strength of the brigade is 87 permanent officers and firemen, 6 auxiliary firemen, and 18 auxiliary firemen for theatre duties. Thirty members have enlisted for service with the Expeditionary Force. Five burning accidents occurred to occupiers of premises which were alight, two of which proved fatal. There have been five accidents to firemen during the year, viz.—1 burn on limbs, 1 lacerated wound, 2 dislocations, 1 strain.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 26 February 1916, page 24

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!



On Saturday afternoon, February 19, the Hippodrome, in Angas street, was destroyed by fire.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 10 April 1916, page 8

FIRE AT HILTON

THREE BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Two houses and a carpenter's shop at Hilton were destroyed by fire shortly after midnight on Friday. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call to Washington street, Hilton, and on arrival found that the flames had a good hold. The fire originated in a four-roomed weatherboard house occupied by Mr. William John Lowe and his family, and it was burnt to the ground, the furniture and clothing also being consumed. Mr. Lowe has a family of 10 children, but all were rescued from the burning building in their night attire. The house was valued at £400, and was insured for £250 with the New Zealand Insurance Company, and the furniture was covered to the extent of £200 in the same office.

The other weatherboard house consisted of four rooms, and was occupied by Mrs. Goodchild and her seven children. Mr. Goodchild is in camp at Morphettville. Practically all of the furniture was saved from this house, but the children's clothing was burnt. The house belonged to a boy named Clancy, and was under the care of Messrs. Robinson & Cooper, land agents, of Currie street. The carpenter's shop, which was situated next to Mr. Lowe's house, was owned by Mr. John Cahill. It was constructed of wood and iron, and was completely demolished. The shop was insured for £90. the fittings and trade utensils for £20, and stock in-trade for £50. Mr. Cahill's residence was slightly damaged by the heat and water. The furniture was removed by Mr. Cahill and willing helpers in case the flames should spread to that building. A quantity of stock from the carpenter's shop was also saved.

In his report to the Watchhouse, Constable Hipwell stated that Mr. Lowe could not account for the origin of the fire. With the exception of his daughter Eva the family retired to bed between 9 and 10 p.m. Later in the evening his daughter returned home and went to bed. Miss Eva Lowe stated that she had been out during the evening with Mr. Herbert Slack, of Hyde Park. She returned home with him at about 11 o'clock, and they found the place in darkness. They went into the dining room and made several unsuccessful attempts to light a lamp, and they then lit a candle. After saying "good night" to her friend she retired to bed. About an hour later her father was awakened by a crackling noise, and he found the place in flames. He was of the opinion that the fire started in the dining room. The Coroner has deemed an inquiry unnecessary.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Tuesday 18 April 1916, page 1

FIRE IN THE CITY.

Early on Tuesday morning the Fire Brigade received a call to an outbreak of fire in Hyde street, Adelaide. A store occupied by Messrs. Fraser, Limited, and its contents were destroyed, and adjoining premises, occupied by Messrs. F. Wiley, A. King, and A. Marvel respectively, were damaged by the flames. The cause of the conflagration is unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 19 April 1916, page 5

CASUALTIES.

FIRE IN THE CITY.

Early on Tuesday morning the fire brigade received a call to an outbreak of fire in Hyde street, Adelaide. A store occupied by Messrs. Fraser, Limited, and its contents were destroyed, and adjoining premises, occupied by Messrs. F. Wiley, A. King, and A. Marvel respectively, were damaged by the flames. The cause of the conflagration is unknown. The flames were first noticed by a woman, who was in bed in a house opposite Messrs. Fraser's establishment. She immediately informed the police, and her timely warning no doubt prevented the blaze from assuming more serious dimensions.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 10 May 1916, page 8

CASUALTIES.

A SMALL FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade was summoned at 1.28 p.m. on Tuesday to the premises occupied by Mr. T. C. George, a tailor, in Pirie street, Adelaide. The shop and contents were severely damaged, but the latter were insured for £150. The cause of the conflagration is unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 23 May 1916, page 4

FIRE BRIGADE'S UPKEEP.

The Adelaide City Council each year sub-scribes an amount towards the upkeep of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, the board of which, at the beginning of each 12 months, makes out an estimate of its expenses and immediately receives a cheque from the council for its share. At a meeting of the city fathers on Monday, Ald. Downs reported that there would be a refund from the board of £675 for 1915, the council's cheque having been that much over its actual share of the cost of upkeep. Members applauded the welcome announcement. Cr. Lundie—Mr. Mayor, will it be utilized to pay the 6d. a day extra to the men? The Mayor, (Ald. Isaacs)—I will reply on that matter later.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 29 May 1916, page 4

A MALICIOUS ALARM

On Sunday, at 8.15 p.m. the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call from the Gilles street fire alarm. The brigade turned out, and it was then found that the call had been, a malicious one. The perpetrators of such silly jokes as this deserve severe punishment.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Thursday 3 August 1916, page 2

CASUALTIES.

ANOTHER EARLY MORNING FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received another early morning call on Thursday, when a fire was discovered at about 1 a.m. in the Roneo Photographic Studio in the top floor of the well-known business block on the north-western corner of Hindley and King William street. The call was given from the alarm in front of the Union Bank, and the brigade turned out with creditable dispatch. The fire was a small one, and was quickly extinguished. The damage was slight. The scene of the outbreak is immediately above the premises of the Grey Cafe, which was gutted by fire a short time ago.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Thursday 5 October 1916, page 3

FIRE IN CITY

BRIGADE ACTS PROMPTLY

A CREDITABLE SAVE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade was called out at 6.20 o'clock last evening to an outbreak of fire in Currie street, which threatened to be rather serious. Through the smartness of Superintendent Dickie and his men it was got under control before it could do much damage to the properties round.

The fire was seen by a passer-by, and the brigade, when it arrived on the scene, found a big crowd near the Bank of Adelaide. The outbreak was located in Alfred Chambers, in the rooms occupied by Messrs. Cain & Phillips, tailors, in which such inflammable material as shirts, collars, and trousers were stored. The flames had spread rapidly, and had eaten a way into the premises of Messrs. E. W. Tann and Co., agents, from Cain & Phillips' premises, which, together with the stock, were severely damaged by fire as well as smoke and water. Tann & Co.'s premises escaped the flames, but the contents were more or less damaged by water and smoke, although the fire was arrested before it had actually got hold of the stock. The cause of the outbreak had not been ascertained up to a late hour last night. It is not known yet just what insurances were in operation over the two places burned. The brigade should be complimented on an excellent piece of work, in subduing the fire in such a prompt and effective manner, because had the flames got away in that quarter of the city there would easily have been one of the most disastrous fires Adelaide has yet had to chronicle. The quarter is surrounded by buildings which would, once properly alight, burn with the utmost fierceness. It was only recently that a similar outbreak occurred in Grenfell street, near the corner of Gawler place, another centre that has dangerous elements in it for a fire which might get out of control.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 18 December 1916, page 6

GRASS FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade was called to extinguish a grass fire in the parklands, near North terrace west, about 6 o'clock on Saturday evening. The outbreak was speedily under control, and only a small area of ground was swept by the flames.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 30 December 1916, page 23

GRASS FIRE.

On Tuesday afternoon the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call by telephone to a grass fire at Fifth avenue, East Adelaide. The blaze, which occurred on a block of land owned by the Municipal Tramways Trust, quickly extended to a paling fence on the premises occupied by Mrs. Harry, and burnt about 18 ft. of it. The firemen promptly extinguished the outbreak.