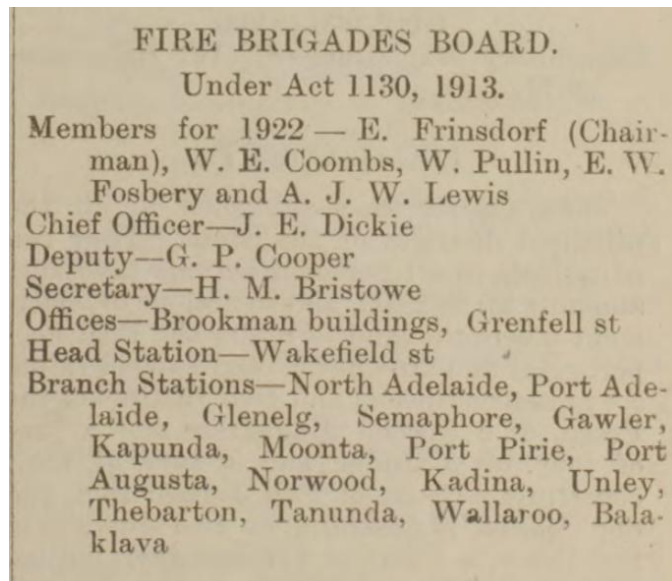


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Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 6 January 1922, page 8

FIRE IN A SPORTS SHED.

At about 6.30 o'clock on Thursday evening the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a telephone call to proceed to a blaze in an iron shed, near the corner of Cohen avenue and Park terrace, used as a dressing room by members of a sporting club. A reel arrived promptly, but it was then too late to render much assistance. The iron structure was considerably damaged, and the contents were totally destroyed.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 14 January 1922, page 2

SMALL FIRE IN CITY.

At 7 o'clock this evening the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call. It was discovered that a few cases were ablaze at the rear of the china and glassware department of Harris, Scarfe, Ltd., Rundle Street. The outbreak was promptly subdued.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 17 January 1922, page 7

FIRE IN CITY PREMISES.

Shortly after 11.15 o'clock on Monday night the Metropolitan Fire Brigade answered a call to a blaze at the Adelaide Social Club, in Flinders street. The first floor was alight, but the flames were soon overcome by the efforts of the firemen. Packing cases were the chief articles destroyed by the fire, which caused no very serious damage.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 17 January 1922, page 2

FIRE IN FLINDERS STREET

SHOP BADLY DAMAGED.

A fire which would have caused a great deal more damage had it not been for the prompt work of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, broke out in the small two-storied premises for many

years occupied by the Adelaide Shorthand and Business Training Academy in Flinders street, at about quarter past 11 on Monday evening. The flames were seen emerging in great volume from the bottom shop window by Mr. Maurice J. Sheehan, proprietor of the Earl of Zetland Hotel, almost opposite, who telephoned the fire brigade. Someone also broke an alarm near by. Fortunately the scene of the fire was only a few hundred yards away from the headquarters of the brigade. Little is known about the bottom storey, its occupants, or the purpose for which it was used, but it is known that the top storey was occupied by the Adelaide Social Club. The fire was extinguished in about seven minutes. The cause and extent of damage is as yet unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 18 January 1922, page 6

TAR BOILED OVER.

On Tuesday evening the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call to the residence of Mr. D. Williamson in Cairne street, Adelaide. Tar which was being heated on a fire in the yard had boiled over, and became ignited. The flames had been extinguished, however, when the brigade arrived. No damage resulted.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 31 January 1922, page 5

THE PASSING OF THE HORSE.

[...] One could not but read with a pang of regret the article in The Register recently, dealing with the pensioning off of the last two fire brigade horses. There has been such a wealth of romance woven around the beautiful prancing steeds, ever eager to dash with the fire reels through the streets, that a feeling almost amounting to resentment arises against the usurping motor-driven brigades; but with the ever-increasing population, and the consequent steady growth of towns and cities, greater speed is necessary for general safety. [...]

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 4 February 1922, page 14

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

FALSE ALARM.

The Fire Brigade received a call from the North-terrace railway-station at 3.36 p.m. on Friday. Two motors were turned out, but on arrival found the call to be a false alarm.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Wednesday 15 February 1922, page 3

SMALL OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

At 3.27 on Tuesday morning the Adelaide Fire Station received a call from the Freemasons' Hotel, Pirie street. The brigade engine was quickly upon the scene, and it was found that the blaze was in one of the bedrooms. In a few minutes the flames were extinguished. Practically the only damage was that done to the bedding.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 18 February 1922, page 40

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A small weatherboard house and its contents, on the corner of Seventh-avenue and St. Peters road, East Adelaide, were completely destroyed by fire on Friday evening. The Norwood Fire Brigade received a telephone message in connection with the blaze at about 8 o'clock, and the Adelaide Brigade received a call a minute later. Just as the firemen arrived the roof fell in, and there was no hope of saving either the building or its contents. There was no one on the premises at the time.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 8 March 1922, page 1

ELECTRIC CABLE FUSES.

No Damage Done.

Shortly before 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call at headquarters to a fire in Currie-street, but on arrival the flames had been extinguished and their services were not required. The blaze was caused by an employe of the Gas Company, who was assisting to lay gas pipes under the doorway of the premises occupied by the Philipson, Northey Company, to the Falkiner Machinery Company (clothing manufacturers). A bore he was using came into contact with a cable conveying electric power, and caused the wires to fuse. The flames shot up through the floor of the clothing manufacturers' premises, but the wires soon burnt through, and the application of a bucket of water by one of the members of the staff of Philipson, Northey and Co., was sufficient to quench the outbreak. The only damage was a charred doorstep and floor.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 11 March 1922, page 6

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT STUDIO.

Shortly after 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station received a call to 15 Selby street, off Gouger street, Adelaide. On arrival it was found that a studio owned by Mr. A. Parnaiter, had caught fire. The outbreak was quickly subdued, but considerable damage was done to the studio and its contents.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 13 March 1922, page 6

ELECTRIC TRAM WIRE FUSED.

Shortly before 6 o'clock on Sunday evening the Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to the corner of Pirie and Pulteney streets, where, on arrival, it was found that an electric tram wire had fused. A sheet of flame issued from the culvert immediately at the base of the pole. The members of the brigade brought a chemical extinguisher into play, but for some time it did not have much effect. Dense fumes poured out from the culvert, and a curious crowd watched the occurrence with interest. Eventually, however, the flames were got under control. Only slight damage resulted. The eastern suburban tram service was temporarily disorganized.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 13 March 1922, page 2

TRAM TROUBLE.

Shortly after 6 o'clock on Sunday evening trouble occurred in connection with the electric tram system, which held up the southern suburban routes. The defect was soon located as a short circuit in an underground cable near Sampson's cycle shop at the corner of Pulteney and Pirie streets. The breakdown gang was quickly on the spot and effected repairs and cars were running again within 20 minutes. As the trouble had caused a trampoline in the vicinity to ignite the fire brigade was called out and stopped the blaze.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 15 March 1922, page 1

FIRE IN REFUSE CART.

Slight Damage Caused.

A call was received at the headquarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade at 12.25 p.m. on Wednesday, to a fire which had broken out in refuse dray No. 12, belonging to the City Council, and which had been left standing in a lane off Rosina-street, near West's Picture Palace. The driver (Mr. J. Pilkington, of Hilton) left the dray with the horse attached at 12.20 p.m. while he had his luncheon some distance along Hindley-street, and a few minutes later he was startled by cries of fire. On reaching the scene the horse had been released, and with the aid of water from a garden hose, the fire was soon extinguished. When the brigade arrived the refuse was only smouldering. Mr. Pilkington's hands were slightly burned, and the

interior of the dray was charred a good deal. The cause of the outbreak is unknown, as no one seems to have noticed the fire until it was well alight.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 20 March 1922, page 2

FIRE AT SCHOOL OF MINES.

At 3.15 p.m. on Sunday the Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire in a blacksmith's shop at the School of Mines. The flames were soon extinguished. Slight damage was done to the fittings of the shop.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 21 March 1922, page 4

A SMALL FIRE.

The Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to Messrs. Bennett A Pollock's hygienic gymnasium establishment, Twin street, at about 6.45 o'clock on Monday evening, when it was found that a small fire had broken out in a rubbish bin. The flames were, however, soon quenched.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 22 March 1922, page 2

BIG CITY FIRE

HUDD'S JOINERY GUTTED

THREE BRIGADES ON THE SCENE

Neighboring Houses Menaced

One of the biggest blazes that have occurred in Adelaide for some time broke out on the premises of Messrs. G. Hudd & Son, joiners, off Vincent street, between Gilles street and South terrace, about 10.45 o'clock, last night. The flames illuminated the sky and from miles round people in motor cars, carts, on cycles and on foot rushed to the scene of the fire. So congested became the area leading to Messrs. Hudd's premises that it was quite impossible for late arrivals to penetrate the dense crowd that surged in the streets in a packed and variegated mass. People in the adjoining houses, whose homes were menaced, joined the spectators in the streets clothed in pyjamas and wraps, some even in blankets, adding a splash of color to the prevailing black. Perched in trees boys and men watched the progress of the flames, which roared with avidity through the seasoned timber stacked in the store and yard.

A lad named Herbert Price, who lives adjacent to Hudd's factory, noticing that a fire had broken out in the joinery gave the alarm to the fire brigade at 10.55 p.m. The brigade arrived just in time to save several houses in Vincent street, whose backyards adjoin Messrs. Hudd's premises. As it was the back portions of four houses were considerably damaged by the fire, and in one case the back verandah was completely destroyed and the back fence demolished.

Realising the seriousness and extent of the fire the Central Brigade called up the Unley and North Adelaide Brigades, and although the critical period lasted for fully an hour, the flames were eventually got under control.

A strong wind was blowing from south, and the smoke at times was as dense that one could not have battled against it without the aid of a gas mask. People who were hemmed in near the fire by the huge crowd brought their handkerchiefs into action to save their eyes from the smoke. At times the flames shot in columns through the smoke, and sparks flew up like a display of pyrotechnics. Had the wind veered to the west the outlook for the houses in Vincent street would have been critical indeed. Fortunately the breeze remained favorable, and the brigades were able to confine the fire to the joinery and surroundings.

At midnight the position was well under control though the joinery was completely gutted. The brigades, however, remained on the spot for another hour to cope with any further outbreak which might arise in the neighboring houses.

The police, who were there in large force, kept the crowd in excellent control, and the firemen were not hindered in the course of their difficult operations.

It was impossible to ascertain last night the estimated cost of the damage done and the extent of the insurance.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 22 March 1922, page 1

THE CITY FIRE DAMAGE AND INSURANCE.

The joinery and carpentry works of Mr. George Hudd, of Vincent-street, which were completely demolished by fire on Tuesday night, were covered by insurance in the Commercial Union Company to the extent of £1,784. The houses fronting Vincent-street, occupied by Mr. G. Price and Mr. B. Ogden, and owned by Mr. Snoswell, of Mount Lofty, were both covered by policies in the Lancashire Company. Mr. Price also had the contents of his house insured in the Ocean Company for £150. Cottages Nos. 13 and 15 in the same street, occupied respectively by Mr. F. B. Magaghern and Mr. H. Johns, are the property of Mrs. S. Crocker, of Gilles-street, and are covered in the New Zealand Company.

The flames, helped by the prevailing breeze at the beginning, spread eastwards for over 15 yards before they reached the Vincent-street houses. Mr. Price's chimney caught alight, and flaming soot falling in the fireplace, ignited a pair of boots and children's clothing. Fortunately the firemen directed their energies to saving the adjoining houses, and neither Mr. Price's house nor any of the others suffered severely inside. Mr. Price estimates his loss at £40. Mr. Magaghern fared even worse. Included amongst the damage he sustained, estimated at £50, was the loss of a motor tricycle, bicycle, wringer, a shed, and other belongings. Mr. John's estimates his loss, including a shed, timber, tools, an aviary, and some poultry, at £40. Mr. Ogden's loss was only slight. All the city brigade reels were at work, with a reel from North Adelaide, and another from Unley. Twenty-seven firemen, including three from each of the suburban stations, were engaged, and they had the fire well under control within half an hour after their arrival. The first reel returned to the station at 11.30. Soon after the reels left for the fire a call came from Stephen's-place, and the North Adelaide brigade proceeded there. Only some rubbish was on fire.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 22 March 1922, page 7

A CITY FIRE.

GILLES STREET TIMBER YARD GUTTED.

Nearby Dwellings Endangered.

"Is it an aurora?" This was the question asked by several telephone subscribers in the suburbs who rang up The Register Office shortly before 11 p.m. on Tuesday. The origin of the idea was a deep red glare on the clouds that overhung the city at the time. It was not an aurora, but a fire in an out-of-the-way timber yard in the south-eastern portion of Adelaide; and the fact that the extent of the aerial illumination was such as to appear to indicate a disaster of much greater magnitude was solely due to the low altitude of the cumulous clouds, dense with the vapour that afterwards descended in welcome showers. The scene of the blaze was the timber yard of Mr. George Hudd, builder, of Vincent place, off Gilles street, which establishment was hedged about by a considerable number of small dwelling houses and narrow streets. The occupants of some of these premises were greatly alarmed by the proximity of the conflagration.

—Short Shrift.—

The flames, whatever their origin, were not long in obtaining a complete hold on the galvanized iron and wood of which the premises were constructed; and, the place was well ablaze within a very few minutes. When the fire brigades arrived, and there were three full appliances at work, it was evident that nothing in the way of a save could be effected, and the main work of the firefighters was to prevent the flames from getting a hold on neighbouring dwellings, which, in some instances, were only 10 ft. or so distant. Within half an hour there was nothing left of the works but a charred mass of timber, which, sizzled venomously as the water from the hose played upon it.

—The Destroyed Premises. —

The building affected was a double-story wood and galvanized iron structure, used as a cabinet making and joinery works. It was about 50 x 70 ft.. Superintendent Dickie, when interviewed, said the place appeared to be doomed before the reels had reached it. Upon their arrival it was one mass of leaping flames, and the energy of the men had to be concentrated upon saving the adjacent dwellings. The whole of the appliances had to be brought into commission, and the Unley and North Adelaide brigades were in attendance. Practically the only warning neighbouring residents received of the fire was the dense volumes of lurid smoke and flames that leapt across their houses. The heat was intense, and the smoke suffocating. Three dwellings at the corner of Vincent street and Vincent place suffered most damage. The fences and outhouses were practically destroyed, and their enclosed verandahs suffered great damage. These houses were occupied by Messrs. F. Magaghan, H. Johns, and G. Price. The last-mentioned occupier suffered most, and clothing and a few pieces of furniture were destroyed. To illustrate the intensity of the heat and denseness of the smoke, Mr. Price stated that a canary, which was in a cage, was suffocated, and the bars of the cage became almost red hot. The flames also swept over Vincent place, and scorched the fences of houses on the northern side. Dwellings on the western side of the burning structure were endangered to a less extent, as a south-west wind drove the flames in an opposite direction.

—Fireman's Narrow Escape.—

A fireman, who was working in Vincent place, had a narrow escape from injury. Several uprights were burning fiercely, and fell when he was within striking distance. The crowd shouted a warning, and the fireman stepped aside speedily, and was missed by inches as the timber crashed.

—"A Wonderful Save."—

Mr. A. W. Robinson, member for Wooroora, whose home on South terrace is close to the destroyed premises, telephoned to The Register Office at midnight, expressing his appreciation of "the wonderful save effected by the firemen in preventing the flames from reaching a number of the houses adjacent to the scene of the fire."

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 22 March 1922, page 7

A CITY BLAZE

JOINERY WORKS DESTROYED

SPLENDID WORK BY BRIGADE

LIVES RISKED TO SAVE PETS

One of the most spectacular fires seen in Adelaide for a long time occurred last night at the extensive joinery and carpentering works of Mr. George Hudd, of Vincent-street. The building composed of iron and wood, and filled with material of the most inflammable kind, was completely demolished, and the damage though it was impossible last night to obtain, even an approximate idea of the value of the building and plant destroyed. Vincent-street is a small thoroughfare running between Gilles-street and South-terrace, and it is a few hundred yards

east of Hutt-street. The building, which covered an extensive area, was surrounded by rows of cottages. The fire had a good hold of the premises before it was noticed, although at about 10 o'clock Mr. W. Dawes, living close by, smelt smoke and looked round for signs of fire, but saw none. It was not until half an hour later that the flames shot up, and the alarm was raised by Mrs. Uren, living in a cottage in Gilles-street, the back yard of which faces the workshops. She was the first to notice flames, and by that time they were shooting out of several parts of the premises. Notwithstanding that the night was comparatively calm and a drizzling rain was falling, the blaze gathered headway at a remarkable pace, feeding greedily on the dry material with which the place was stocked. The brigade, under Chief Officer J. E. Dickie, turned out with the promptness characteristic of the Adelaide station, but when they reached the scene the task confronting them was obviously hopeless, as far as saving the factory was concerned. The flames were shooting hundreds of feet into the air, and dense volumes of brightly-illuminated smoke were pouring skywards, creating a glare, which could be seen from all parts of the city. The spectacular effect was enhanced by the heavy masses of dark rain clouds banked in the sky, which caught the glare and reflected it far and wide. The brigade, seeing no hope of saving the building, concentrated their efforts on confining the fire within the burning area. So fierce were the flames and so thick the showers of sparks, that it seemed impossible that one or more of the neighboring houses would not catch alight. The strenuous work of the firemen, however, was rewarded, and the conflagration kept to the factory. The water poured into the joinery works from every possible point of vantage began to tell after half an hours battle, when the fire lost its fury, and even a layman could tell it was under control.

Enveloped by Flames

Soon after the flames burst through the roof the westerly wind fanned them over the back portion of a row of four small cottages that joined the works and fronted Vincent street. It was Mrs. Joans, living at No. 15 Vincent-street, who gave the general alarm, and succeeded in arousing Mr George price, a tramway employe, living at No 17, Vincent-street, who was asleep at the time. He rushed out to the front verandah and woke his son, Herbert, who immediately jumped the fence, and, running along to St. John's-street, turned on the fire alarm. By this time a huge wall of flame was reaching right over the back premises of the cottages, and it looked as though nothing could save them. At No. 13, Vincent-street, Mr. and Mrs. Magaghan ran to the back, to find the kitchen well alight and the whole of the contents of the back yard a mass of flame. Friends from across the road came to their assistance, and most of the more valuable things in the house were quickly taken to a place of safety. Mr. and Mrs. Johns, who live in No. 15 Vincent-street, had a particularly exciting time. "I smelt the smoke when I was in the kitchen," said Mrs. Johns, "and looked all around, but could not see anything burning, and thought no more about it, The next thing I knew was that there were huge flames roaring all about us, and rushing to the back of the house I opened the door only to be beaten back by the fierce heat. All the time, although the flames had caught the back fence, and the back wall of the house was beginning to smoulder, the flames were not actually filling the yard. We are fond of pets, and kept a magpie and a laughing jackass in cages against the back fence. "We must save the birds," said my husband, and with that we made a dash out into the yard. I shall never forget to-night as long as I live. There we were in the little yard. Over our heads was a solid sheet of flame, and the heat seemed to be burning us up. We managed to reach the pets, however, and now they are safe at a friend's house across the street. I was so flurried, that I forgot to let the poor fowls out and they were all burned. Shortly before midnight a number of tramwaymen came up from the depot to see what they could do for their mate, and Mr. John's place was one of the first to be put back in order as soon as it was seen that the fire was under way.

Forgot His Bicycle.

Mr. Price's home at No. 17, Vincent-street, also suffered severely, the whole of the contents of the back yard being completely burned. "I was asleep on the front verandah," said Herbert Price, "when dad came running out and woke me up. "Quick," he said, "Hudd's is on fire." I

never waited to think of anything more, but hopped out of bed, jumped the fence, and ran in my pyjamas to the nearest fire alarm. It was raining, and the pavements were wet. Several times I nearly fell. I was in a tremendous hurry, because I knew that my new bicycle was out in the back yard and that unless I got back in time it would be burned. It was no good, though, because when I got home again, the flames had caught everything there was in the yard, and my bicycle had gone up too. I only just finished paying for it, and was going out for a ride in the morning. Still it cannot be helped, and I suppose all I can do is to save up for another. There was a bicycle at Mrs. B. Ogden's at No. 19, Vincent-street, but this was in a side lane, and in the hurry and excitement was completely forgotten for the time being. "I had some friends staying with me," said Mrs. Ogden, "and had just gone to bed, when they called out that flames were coming across the house. Jumping out, I got most of my good things together and carried them out of the house. Then I suddenly remembered my bicycle that was in the lane at the side of the house. I ran round and attempted to get down the side to it, but was beaten back by the heat. The second time I managed it, and making a dash got it out. As I ran down towards it the flames were roaring right over my head." The scene in Vincent-street about midnight presented a curious sight. It was like an ant heap that had been disturbed. People were crossing and recrossing between the two rows of cottages, each one carrying something. All the time the rain was coming down steadily. As far as can be ascertained nobody was hurt, and the damage to property, outside of the factory, is comparatively slight. Mrs. Uren discovered the outbreak in a most casual manner. She had walked out of her back door to obtain a glass of water, and was confronted with an instantaneous outburst which appeared to originate from the inside of Mr. Hudd's premises. The flames leapt through a little square window on the northern side, and, aided by a westerly breeze, quickly spread towards Vincent-street. She rushed to the next-door neighbor, informed a [*] man of the outbreak, and he immediately gave the alarm. Relatives of Mrs. Uren, who were away when the fire first broke out, stated that the factory employed between 30 and 40 hands, and the machinery was driven by a gas engine. Mrs. E. Jardine, who resides at the rear of the building, was also one of the first to witness the outbreak, and she too declared the fire started from the inside. The fence adjoining her residence was partly destroyed, and gum trees in the yard of her neighbor, Mr. Fisher, blazed in a spectacular manner. No other damage, however, was sustained on this, the western side of the building. In one of the buildings on the eastern side a large pile of cut wood caught alight, and gave the firemen a great deal of trouble, because of its persistent breaking out as soon as the hose was directed to another spot. The burning wood ignited a shed close by, and clothing, tubs, and numerous other useful and valuable articles were completely destroyed.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 23 March 1922, page 6

THE TIMBER YARD FIRE.

The gutted premises of Mr. George Hudd's joinery works and timber yard, when viewed on Wednesday morning presented a desolated scene. Blackened pieces of timber stood forlornly every where, and twisted sheets of galvanized iron and sheets and cogs were all that remained of costly machinery. Two fire men were on the spot, and water was still being played on the heaps of debris. One of the firemen stated that the wreckage was smouldering at 5 o'clock that morning, and there were live embers low down beneath the timbers. An idea of the heat during the fire is supplied by the fact that the solder from the zinc gutters of the surrounding houses melted and ran down the verandah roofs. The molten metal has set hard. Of the outbuildings of the four small dwellings close to the works practically nothing is left. Washing stands, tubs, chairs, and personal effects are heaped in the black mud caused by the flow of water from the hoses. One woman who had spent weeks cultivating a bed of dahlias was sorrowfully surveying the remnants of her industry and patience. The tenants are likely to lose heavily from the destruction of personal effects. One woman stated that the strong westerly wind drove the flames right into the back yards, and even through the back doors. The firemen would not allow any of the tenants to enter their yards, as the backs of the houses and the fences were then burning fiercely. Mr. Hudd's joinery workshop and contents were insured in the Commercial Union for £1,781, and the four damaged houses are also

protected. Two of them, owned by Mrs. S. Crocker, are on the books of the New Zealand Company, and the other two, owned by Mr. Snowsell, of Mount Lofty, are insured with the Lancashire Company. The tenants estimate their loss in personal property at from £40 to £50 each. When interviewed on Wednesday morning, Superintendent Dickie said all the appliances from the head station were sent out, and the North Adelaide and Unley were also in attendance. While the machines were absent at the fire, a call was received from Stephens place, off Rundle street, and the North Adelaide vehicle was dispatched. That fortunately proved to be only burning rubbish, and the appliance was soon at the bigger conflagration. The fire was well under control within half an hour, and the machines began to return to the station shortly before 12 o'clock. There were 21 men from the head station, and three each from Unley and Norwood at work. At 2 a.m. the whole of the brigades had returned to their headquarters, and two men were left to watch the smoking debris. It was found necessary on Wednesday morning to detail two policemen to keep back the crowds of sightseers, and would be salvage seekers.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 25 March 1922, page 28

THE TIMBER YARD FIRE.

The gutted premises of Mr. George Hudd's joinery works and timber yard, Gilles street, when viewed on Wednesday morning presented a desolated scene. Blackened pieces of timber stood forlornly every where, and twisted sheets of galvanized iron and sheets and cogs were all that remained of costly machinery. Two fire men were on the spot, and water was still being played on the heaps of debris. One of the firemen stated that the wreckage was smouldering at 5 o'clock that morning, and there were live embers low down beneath the timbers. An idea of the heat during the fire is supplied by the fact that the solder from the zinc gutters of the surrounding houses melted and ran down the verandah roofs. The molten metal has set hard. Of the outbuildings of the four small dwellings close to the works practically nothing is left. Washing stands, tubs, chairs, and personal effects are heaped in the black mud caused by the flow of water from the hoses. One woman who had spent weeks cultivating a bed of dahlias was sorrowfully surveying the remnants of her industry and patience. The tenants are likely to lose heavily from the destruction of personal effects. One woman stated that the strong westerly wind drove the flames right into the back yards, and even through the back doors. The firemen would not allow any of the tenants to enter their yards, as the backs of the houses and the fences were then burning fiercely. Mr. Hudd's joinery workshop and contents were insured in the Commercial Union for £1,784, and the four damaged houses are also protected. Two of them, owned by Mrs. S. Crocker, are on the books of the New Zealand Company, and the other two, owned by Mr. Snowsell, of Mount Lofty, are insured with the Lancashire Company. The tenants estimate their loss in personal property at from £40 to £50 each. When interviewed on Wednesday morning, Superintendent Dickie said all the appliances from the head station were sent out, and the North Adelaide and Unley were also in attendance. While the machines were absent at the fire, a call was received from Stephens place, off Rundle street, and the North Adelaide vehicle was dispatched. That fortunately proved to be only burning rubbish, and the appliance was soon at the bigger conflagration. The fire was well under control within half an hour, and the machines began to return to the station shortly before 12 o'clock. There were 21 men from the head station, and three each from Unley and Norwood at work. At 2 a.m. the whole of the brigades had returned to their headquarters, and two men were left to watch the smoking debris. It was found necessary on Wednesday morning to detail two policemen to keep back the crowds of sightseers, and would-be salvage seekers.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 17 April 1922, page 2

FIRE AT NORTH ADELAIDE

OUTBREAK IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

TWO CLASSROOMS DESTROYED.

At 11.45 o'clock on Sunday evening the Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call from Gover street, North Adelaide, where the rear portion of the North Adelaide Public School had caught fire. The North Adelaide Fire Brigade was soon in attendance and two motor appliances were dispatched from the Wakefield street station to cope with the outbreak. The Thebarton Brigade also received a call to Ebor avenue, but this proved to be a reflection of the North Adelaide fire. Three lines of hose were laid in from Gover and Tynte street and the blaze was thus surrounded. Some very effective work was put in by the firemen, with the result that the outbreak was soon under control.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Two weatherboard classrooms at the rear of the school, together with their contents, were destroyed. Had it not been for the prompt action of the brigade in isolating the fire the whole school would have been destroyed.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 22 April 1922, page 2

FIRES IN THE CITY.

At noon today the Fire Brigade received a call to the premises of the S.A. Brush Co., Flinders Street. A defective flue in the power-producing plant was the cause of the outbreak, and a quantity of sawdust and wood was destroyed. The brigade turned out promptly, and an effective save was made. A second call was received from South Terrace, where the brigade found a small shed on fire. An effort was made to save the building, but both shed and contents were destroyed.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 25 April 1922, page 2

BLAZE IN THE CITY

TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT DESTROYED.

REMARKABLE SAVE BY BRIGADE.

At 9.34 p.m. on Monday evening the Adelaide Fire Brigade Station received a call from the Okeh Cafe, in King William street, and they turned out with more than their usual promptitude. All the out-stations were notified, and they were quickly on the scene. The fire was in Melvin Chambers. It broke out in an unoccupied room in the tailoring establishment of Mr. Alfred Gruneklee. A crowd very quickly gathered, and but for the police the firemen would have been hampered.

The premises of the agent next door were badly damaged, and Reid's and the music shop were also damaged by water. There was practically no smoke, and it was only when the roof fell in that any sign of the fire could be noticed from any distance. The flames were fierce for about 20 minutes, and the firemen were kept busy, but they got the fire under control very soon. Features of the blaze were absence of smoke, and the save that was made. Had the paint in Reid's caught alight the whole block would have been destroyed. Considering the position of the fire very little damage was done.

It was Mr. Gruneklee himself that gave the alarm, which was received at about half-past 9. The chief sufferer lives at 23 Falcon avenue, Mile-End, and it is understood that he was working overtime to finish a suit for a man who was to leave for Sydney on Tuesday. The stock, fixtures, fittings, and sewing machines were insured for £950 with the Royal Exchange Assurance.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 29 April 1922, page 7

KING WILLIAM STREET BLAZE.

BUILDINGS GUTTED.

On Monday evening a sudden city fire occurred. At 9.30 a faint rose-coloured light was observed in a window of a building comprised in the block numbered 105 next door on the

north to the United Service Club Hotel, on the western side of King William street—and by 9.45 a volcanic outburst of fire had reduced that network of apartments to a ruin, so far as the interior was concerned. The centre of the fire appeared to be in rooms on the second floor occupied by W. E. Hamp, house and land agent; Luther Moore, licensed law broker; Alf. Gruneklee, tailor; and P. W. Simmons, land agent. Within a few minutes many hundreds of people had congregated in the vicinity. It was fortunate that a steady drizzle was falling, and light showers during the day had also added their powers of resistance to the hungry tongues of flame that relentlessly licked the building. Once more the Metropolitan Fire Brigade has proved the efficiency and splendid organization of its company, for when the reel dashed up shortly after 9.30, the fire had gained a sure hold, to judge from its height; yet, within a few minutes, the hoses had begun to check the startling advance of the invader. Gradually it was impelled to retire, and a sigh of relief went up from anxious watchers, who had begun to wonder what would be the ultimate end of such a mid-city outbreak. The glare of the flames bathed the surrounding thoroughfares in a ruby glow, and would be visible far into the suburbs. As the exceptionally strong pressure of water did its work, showers of sparks rose upon the air, and, under less ominous conditions, would have made a brilliant pyrotechnic display. Of course, all traffic was instantly stopped, but not dislocated—thanks to the splendid service that networks the metropolitan streets. Grenfell, Currie, Flinders, and Wakefield street took their part in sharing the responsibilities of central King William street.

—Discovery of the Outbreak.—

The discoverer of the fire happened to be an employe of Mr. Gruneklee, who was on the opposite side of the street. It was Mr. A. G. Carey, who, looking across King William street towards his office window, suddenly noticed a bright glare in the room, followed by flames. He rushed across, opened the main door with the key he possessed, and dashed into the building, being hopeful of being able to check the spread of the fire. He soon recognised that it was a hopeless task, for on entering the passage he saw that the whole of the back portion near the staircase, and including the furniture-mart of Messrs. G. H. King & Co, was ablaze. The fire was eating its way up the staircase, and the whole interior was like a volcano, with the flames spurting right through the various floors to the roof. He did the best thing possible, for he rushed to the nearest fire alarm, broke the glass, and called the brigade headquarters. Mr. Carey states that the response was little short of marvellous, for within a minute and a half the first machine appeared on the scene. This was followed a few seconds later by the rest of the plant, and within a very short while the North Adelaide, Norwood, and Unley staffs were on the spot and joined up with the full staff of headquarters. The whole body carried on operations under the leadership of Chief Officer Dickie. The two long ladders were soon at work, hoses from numerous hydrants poured water on the flames in vast quantities, and all danger of the fire spreading to adjoining buildings was soon gone. Mr. Carey added that it was evident that the whole of the premises of his firm, which occupied about one-half or the second floor—and where about 10 hands were employed at tailoring work had been destroyed. The building, he stated, was owned by residents in England, for whom Messrs. F. W. Bullock & Co. were the agents in Adelaide. It was learnt subsequently from Mr. D. B. Thomas (manager for South Australia for the Royal Exchange Assurance Society, of London) that the stock, furniture, fittings, and sewing machines used in the business of Mr. A. J. Gruneklee were insured in his firm for £950.

—Extensive Damage Done—

All was over so quickly that it was hard to compute what the actual damage was; but it can safely be asserted that very little that was in the building is left unharmed. Mr. A. Hall, owner of the music and piano warehouse at the southern end of the ground floor, was on the scene early, and was able to get into his rooms. He found that, whereas the fire had not touched anything there, all had been damaged very severely by water. He informed a representative of The Register on Monday night that he was partly insured, but his premises were heavily stocked just now, and everything had suffered greatly from water percolating from the floors above. The ground floor front of the building was not reached by the flames, but the offices

there were saturated with water, as was the basement, which was used by G. H. King and Company, the proprietors of "The Auction Block." The top floor of the building had been unoccupied for about 12 months.

The rapidity with which the flames rushed right through to the roof, where they soon made a hole, emphasized the extremely flimsy nature of the office fixings. It all happened and was over— thanks to the prompt action of the fire Brigades—more quickly than it can be described, and served to prove what a wonderful escape the adjoining buildings had. Naturally, the occupants of the United Service Club Hotel had a great fright. So soon as the alarm was given every resident of the hotel rushed into the street, terrified lest the conflagration should spread to the building they occupied. Everything, however, was against this, for the night was still, and practically no wind was blowing, rain was falling, the brigades were on the spot immediately, there was no trouble in making connections with the standards and in getting vast volumes of water poured on to the flames; and the latter were put out before they could get much out of the perpendicular course they had marked for themselves from the point of outbreak. A huge crowd soon attended, but the policemen on duty in the street, augmented from the Watchhouse and surrounding "beats," had no difficulty in preventing the public from interfering with the work of the firemen or of getting into dangerous positions. The usual humour was provided by several persons intercepting streams of water from the hoses. The fact that a steady rain fell most of the time the fire was burning prevented an unmanageable crowd collecting. Spectacular features of the kind usually provided by city fires were wanting; not that they did not exist, but that they lasted for so short a period that few people knew anything about the affair until it was over. It is rare for a conflagration to arise in the centre of the city, and it is about 10 years since last there was a big fire in King William street.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Monday 1 May 1922, page 3

MOTOR CAR PARTLY BURNT.

At about half-past 6 on Sunday afternoon the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station received a call to a fire in Pulteney street, Adelaide. It was found that a motor car, driven by Mr. A. McPherson, had been slightly damaged as the result of a naked light having ignited the petrol vapour while the tank was being filled.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 3 June 1922, page 12

FALSE FIRE ALARM.

Everybody recognises the value of fire alarms in a genuine case of fire, but like most other public conveniences, they come in for their share of vandalism. Persons who damage public conveniences are usually hard to trace, but occasionally one or two come before the Courts and have to pay for their foolishness. The arrest of a man for having maliciously broken a fire alarm on May 17 brought the surprising statement from the Fire Brigade authorities on Friday that 25 per cent. of the fire alarms from which calls were received last year were broken falsely and mischievously. The man arrested, William Taylor, was brought before Mr. T. Hewitson, S.M., in the Adelaide Police Court on Fri-day afternoon, when counsel for the prosecution drew attention to the seriousness and frequency of the offence. Taylor, who was represented by Mr. J. W. Nelligan, pleaded not guilty to the charge. which was of having, at 3.15 p.m. on May 17, falsely broken the fire alarm at the corner of Hindley and Bank streets, Adelaide. Mr. H. B. Piper, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the information was laid under section 68 of the Fire Brigades Act. 1913, under which a penalty was provided for any one interfering with fire alarms. Constable Hinton gave evidence that he saw the accused at about 3.15 p.m. in Hindley street turning the handle of the fire alarm, which is attached to a telegraph post, near the Eagle Hotel. He asked the defendant why he was turning the handle. He replied that he did not know, and blamed an intoxicated man standing near the Eagle Hotel for having broken the glass of the alarm. The defendant was under the influence of liquor, but he would not have arrested him for being drunk. The Fire Brigade arrived on the

scene within a few minutes, and he informed the men in charge that it was a false alarm, and took the defendant's name and address. The S.M. found the defendant guilty, and ordered him to pay £4 10/ in all.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 3 June 1922, page 4

FALSE ALARM

MAN FINED £4 10/-

At the Adelaide Police Court. No. 2, before Mr. T. Hewitson, S.M., William Taylor, who was represented by Mr. J. W. Nelligan, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having at 3.10 p.m. on May 17, given a false alarm of fire at the corner of Hindley and Bank streets, Adelaide. Mr. B. W. Piper, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the information was laid under Section 68 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, under which a penalty was provided for any one interfering with fire alarms. Constable Hinton gave evidence that he saw the accused at about 3.15 p.m. in Hindley street turning the handle of the fire alarm, which is attached to a telegraph post near the Eagle Hotel. He asked the defendant why he was turning the handle. He replied that he was doing no harm, and blamed an intoxicated man standing near the Eagle Hotel, for having broken the glass of the alarm. The defendant was under the influence of liquor, but he would not have arrested him for drunkenness. The fire brigade arrived on the scene within a few minutes, and he informed the men in charge that it was a false alarm, and took the defendant's name and address. The S.M. inflicted a fine of £4 10/- in all.

Bathurst Times (NSW : 1909 - 1925), Monday 5 June 1922, page 2

FALSE FIRE ALARMS

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Fully 23 per cent. of the fire alarms received by the Metropolitan Brigade were false and malicious, but it is obviously difficult to catch offenders. However, a man was fined £4 10s for having summoned the brigade from an alarm box in the centre of the city. He was seen by a constable turning the handle, and when questioned, said he did not know why he had done it. The fire brigade dashed up in a few minutes, and the accused shouted, "It's a false alarm."

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Thursday 8 June 1922, page 2

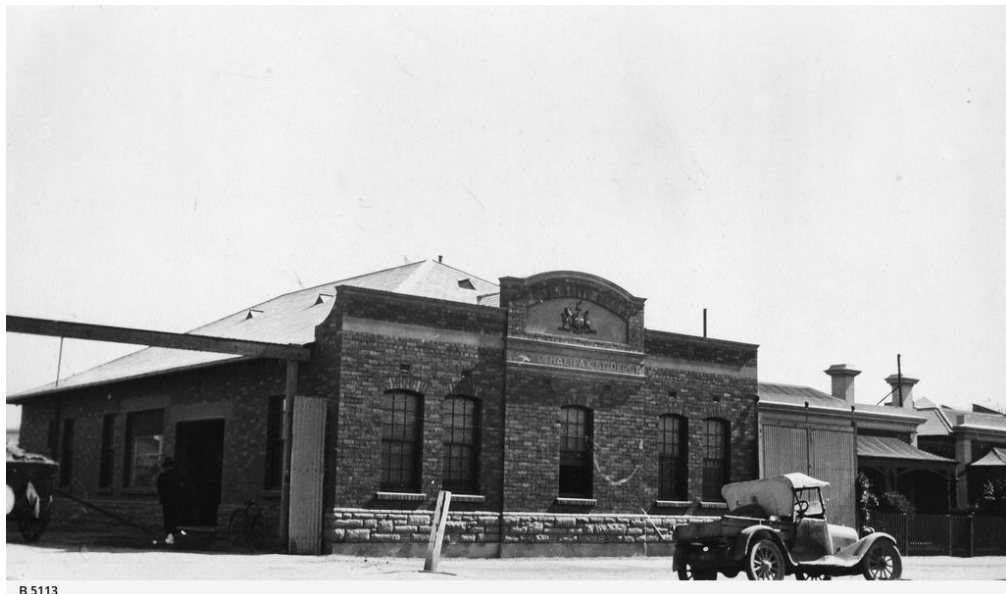
RUBBISH DESTRUCTOR FIRE.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Wednesday clouds of smoke were seen arising from the city rubbish destructor in Halifax street. Fire Brigade engines were dispatched to the scene, but it was found that the outbreak was a very small one, and it was quickly subdued.



B 14177

State Library of South Australia - Halifax Street [B 14177] Halifax Street, south side, November 17th 1958, frontage of building is 10.5 yards. Left side of Cawthornes Pianos building abuts Hallett Street, west side. The 35 metre tall brick chimney was the Refuse Destructor Incinerator dating back from 1909 and can be seen the centre of this photograph. The Destructor operated 24 hours a day and the resultant steam generated a steam generator which was used to disinfect laundry. 1958. Photographer, State Library of South Australia.



B 5113

State Library of South Australia - Halifax Street, south side [B 5113], Halifax Street, south side, January 7th 1929, far side of building is 22 yards east of Surfle Street and frontage is 13 yards. Administrative offices of the City Council Rubbish Destructor. Building was erected on a vacant site in 1927/28. The South Australian coat of arms and 'Halifax Street Depot' are mounted in stone on the front of the building. Small cottages can be seen next to the building. 1929. Photographer, State Library of South Australia.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 1 July 1922, page 5

OIL STORE ALIGHT ON THE PORT ROAD

WONDERFUL SAVE BY BRIGADE.

At 9.48 on Friday night the Wakefield street fire brigade station received a call from the Port road. On arrival the firemen discovered that the linseed oil works were well alight.

The chief officer at once despatched the Thebarton and North Adelaide motor appliances, and also a motor and motor pump from the central station. The north-eastern portion of the building was much damaged, but the brigade made a wonderful save. At a late hour last night the fire was well under control. The cause and extent of the damage is unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 10 July 1922, page 6

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT HARBOUR BOARD OFFICE.

About 5.30 on Saturday evening the caretaker (Mr. J. McNealy) of the Harbours Board's office, situated on the west side of Victoria square, saw smoke issuing from beneath the roof. He gave the alarm to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, the full strength of which instantly turned out. When the big building was reached a line of hose was run in the front way and up three flights of stone steps to the top story, and the firemen located the seat of the flames. In the meantime other members of the Brigade had run a hose in from the backway of the premises. The flow of water was good, and it did not take the officers long to put out the fire. Several of the rafters in the roof and a portion of the covering itself were destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is not definitely known, but it is believed to have been due to a fused electric wire. The water employed flowed down the steps, even into the basement. It entered some of the offices and caused more or less inconvenience, but the damage, taken all round, was only slight.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 12 August 1922, page 2

SPARK FROM FIRE.

The City Fire Brigade received a call early this evening to 7a Ann Street, off Waymouth Street, where a blaze occurred in a house owned by Mr. Mills, of Mitcham, and occupied by Mrs. Studd. The cause was stated to be a spark from a fire in an open fireplace. The damage was confined to clothing, curtains, some furniture, and a window frame. Willing helpers from the vicinity extinguished the blaze before the brigade arrived.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 14 August 1922, page 7

SMALL CITY FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call on Saturday evening to a house in Ann street, off Waymouth street, where a fire had broken out from an open fire place. Two motors were dispatched to the scene, but their services were not required, as the outbreak had on their arrival been got under control by neighbours of the occupant of the place (Mrs. Studd). A washing stand, window frame, curtains, and a quantity of clothing were damaged. The contents of the building were not insured. The house is owned by Mr. Mills, of Mitcham.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 15 August 1922, page 12

DANGER OF FIRE

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call at about 8.50 p.m. on Monday to the new post-office workshops, West terrace. Two gas jets used for soldering purposes had been left burning and flaring up near some wearing apparel in the top storey, to reach which the men were compelled to use the fire escape. Had it not been for the prompt attendance of the brigade serious damage might have resulted.

Southern Cross (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1954), Friday 18 August 1922, page 7

IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS.

VISIT TO FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

About 150 members of the various branches of the order, and their friends, paid a visit to the Metropolitan Fire Station on Thursday evening, August 10, despite the fact that it was a very wet evening. The visitors were shown the various fire-fighting appliances, and the working of them was fully explained by one of the officers of the brigade, and they also had a look at one of the very necessary adjuncts to past methods of getting reels and appliances to conflagrations quickly, and the horses, one of which has reached the ripe old age—for a horse—of 40 years, and he and his mates show ample evidence of careful training and good treatment.

Owing to the damp and sloppy weather conditions prevailing, a "call out" of the brigade was not insisted on, as if carried out, it would mean that the firemen, whom the Foresters were desirous of entertaining, would be debarred from participating, owing to the fact that the engines, etc., would have to be thoroughly cleaned after the "call out," leaving the firemen little, if any, time to enjoy themselves. After a good look round the station, an adjournment was made to the gymnasium, where a programme of dances, songs, and music was carried out. The music for dances was supplied by Miss Hackendorf's orchestra (cornet, violin, and piano), and was much appreciated by all present. Miss O. Carr delighted the audience with her fine singing, while Mr. J. Hackendorf rendered a cornet solo in fine style. Refreshments were served by members of the ladies' branches, led by Sisters Gallagher, Newport and Hoare, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. During September another visit will be paid the brigade, and a programme of visits to other places of interest have been arranged as well.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 19 August 1922, page 2

A CITY FIRE.

Considerable Damage Done.

At 10 o'clock on Friday night it was reported to the City Fire Brigade that smoke was issuing from No. 2 Landowna Terrace, Victoria Square. Mrs. Galvin, the owner of the house, which adjoins the Tramways Trust office, and family were in bed at the time of the occurrence. The fire brigade succeeded in extinguishing the outbreak, but not before considerable damage was done to the building and contents. The matter has been reported to the City Coroner.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 21 August 1922, page 12

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

A CITY FIRE.

The city coroner is having enquiries made concerning a fire which occurred at No. 2, Landowna-terrace, Victoria-square, Adelaide, about 10 p.m. on Friday. The building is a two-story one and is used as a dwelling by Mrs. Calvin. The fire, which broke out in the upstairs portion, had done considerable damage to the building and the contents before the Metropolitan brigade extinguished it.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 1 September 1922, page 8

BLAZE IN FILM BOX.

A small fire, caused by the fusing of an electric wire, broke out in the operating box at the Pavilion Picture Theatre, city, at about 9 o'clock on Thursday evening. A slight stir was caused by some one breaking a fire alarm, but there was no panic, and with the aid of fire extinguishers and sand a burning film was saved, and the show continued after about 10

minutes' interruption. The Fire Brigade turned out, but their services were unnecessary, the appliances always kept for such emergencies having proved adequate. One of the films was destroyed, but the management will replace it with another feature.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Friday 1 September 1922, page 5

TWO FIRES

FILM BURNT.

At 9 o'clock on Thursday evening a small amount of film at the Pavilion Picture Theatre in Rundle street caught alight and was burnt. The Fire Brigade was called out, but the fire was extinguished by the time that it arrived at the scene. There was practically no damage done.

FIRE IN GARAGE

At 8.18 p.m. on Thursday the Fire Brigade received a call from Waymouth street. On arrival it was found that a box of motor accessories in the motor garage of Alfred Catts and Sons were slightly damaged. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 1 September 1922, page 11

A FALSE ALARM.

A short circuit occurring in the electric wires in the film-room of The Pav. on Thursday night set fire to some of the films stored there. The special appliances kept for emergencies were used, and the fire was put out before the brigade, which had been summoned by the fireman on duty, arrived. A few minutes later the show began again, and the picture was completed.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Thursday 21 September 1922, page 3

CASUALTIES.

SMALL CITY FIRE.

At about 4.40 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Fire Brigade was called to a small fire which had occurred in a shed at the rear of premises occupied by Mr. Robert Hill, chaff and grain merchant, of 64 Currie street, Adelaide. The Brigade soon had the outbreak under control, but a quantity of straw in the shed was destroyed. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 21 September 1922, page 12

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

A FIRE IN CURRIE-STREET.

A shed filled with baled straw catching fire shortly after 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday was responsible for some excitement in the city. The outbreak originated at the back of Mr. Robert Hill's produce store, and the dense clouds of smoke made it appear as though one of the large buildings in the vicinity was well alight. The brigade was promptly on the spot, however, and, using one line of hose, soon got it under. A crowd of curious people who had congregated in a lane leading up to the shed were sent scattering when the hose was suddenly played on them, the stream of water not being seen on account of the dense smoke.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 18 October 1922, page 14

A SMALL FIRE.

The City Fire Brigade received a call a little before 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening to the factory of Messrs. A. Simpson and Son, iron workers, &c., Wakefield-street. The brigade arrived quickly, and subdued the flames before any serious damage was done. Only a bench and a wooden partition were burned. The outbreak was caused by a soldering pot, in which a fire had been left.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 23 October 1922, page 8

FIREMEN IN ACTION.

The Adelaide Fire Brigade Party will give an entertainment, including a "turn out" on Wednesday and Thursday evenings next. Their effort, which is worthy of strong support, will go to assist the T.B. (Consumptive) Soldiers' Aid Society in its work among the soldiers.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 26 October 1922, page 8

SUCCESSFUL FIREMEN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

A most enjoyable amateur theatrical entertainment was presented by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Entertainers' Company in the brigade's gymnasium hall, Wakefield street, city, on Wednesday evening. It was given as a benefit to the T.B. Soldiers' Association, and the audience was as large as the small hall would hold. Considering that the talented amateurs had had only since Saturday to prepare their show, their performance was highly creditable. The party was headed by Foreman B. F. Russell—the only surviving member of the original Fire Brigade Entertainers who were in existence before the war. All his old colleagues went to the war and made the supreme sacrifice. The present company are most worthy successors, however. They are a pierrot party, and supply an entertainment embodying music, dancing, singing, and comedy. Fortunately, they had on Wednesday night a properly lighted stage and scenery at their disposal. They opened with an overture (played by Miss G. Leary) and a chorus, and then Messrs. W. Reynolds, S. Testerow, C. Stretch, F. Wooton, A. Andrews, A. Greenman, and N. Noble appeared to advantage in song numbers, humorous and sentimental. Each bore a popular burlesque name on the printed programme. The audience were treated to a great joke in the sketch "Something Egyptian," in which a conspicuous member of the party, Mr. A. Andrews, performed a Salome type of dance. This was followed later by another, "The Tonsorial Operation," and the finale, "Jazzomania," in which the whole company looked their funniest in ludicrous make-ups. Mr. C. Stretch was at his best in "Comicalities," Mr. A. Greenman presented a burlesque on Italian opera, Mr. A. Andrews a character study, Mr. N. Noble "Seaside melodies," and Mr. S. Testerow "Yiddish Matrimony," Mr. F. B. Russell "A Night Out." and Mr. P. Wooton "In town for the day." Each of these items provided happy moments. During the interval the Pyramidic Troupe of eight performed skilful gymnastic work. The evening's entertainment was completed with a "turn out" by the brigade, in which the whole process, from the time of the ringing of the alarm bell to the dashing of the motors into the street, was demonstrated to the audience. During the evening a representative of the soldiers' T.B. Association expressed thanks to the Brigade Entertainers, and to the audience for the patronage accorded.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 8 November 1922, page 3

FIRE AT POST OFFICE STORES.

At 11.31 p.m. on Tuesday the Fire Brigade received a call by telephone to the Post Office Stores, West terrace. On arrival the brigade found the stairway of the main building well alight, but the fire was soon got under control. But for the prompt action of the brigade the whole building would have been gutted. The Stairway was damaged as also were the cupboards underneath. Some photography gear and diagrams were slightly damaged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 10 November 1922, page 12

A SMALL FIRE.

At about 9 o'clock on Thursday night the City Fire Brigade received a call to the premises of Messrs. Forwood, Down and Co., engineers, of Hindley-street, and their prompt arrival prevented what might have been a serious outbreak. The welding forge, which is usually kept heated by a coal fire at nights, had become over heated, and had ignited empty cases near by. The brigade quenched the small blaze with a few buckets of water.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Wednesday 29 November 1922, page 2

CASUALTIES.

SMALL FIRE AT KESWICK BARRACKS.

At about 4.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call to the Keswick Barracks. On arrival it was discovered that the refuse in a rubbish hole was burning. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Express (Adelaide, SA : 1922 - 1923), Thursday 30 November 1922, page 1

HOTEL CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

Shortly after 11.30 a.m. on Thursday the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, received a call from the Rosina-street alarm. Promptly responding, the firemen found a chimney on fire at the rear of the Royal Admiral Hotel, in Hindley-street. The alarm was apparently given by a passerby, for the first intimation received by the licensee (Mr. M. Thompson) was when the firemen arrived. With the aid of wet bags the fire was subdued. No damage was done.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Saturday 2 December 1922, page 2

FIRE AT HOSPITAL

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night the Central Fire Brigade received a call from the Adelaide Hospital. A fire, the cause of which is unknown, was raging in the ironing and sterilizing rooms, off the laundry. The conflagration was extinguished without difficulty, but not before considerable damage had been done.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 2 December 1922, page 8

FIRE BRIGADE ACTIVITIES.

The present spell of hot weather has proved a period of strenuous activity for the metropolitan and suburban fire brigades. On Thursday they received no fewer, than seven calls, followed by three more on Friday. The characteristic promptitude with which the fire fighters responded in each instance, resulted in a considerable saving to property. The details of Thursday's fires are as follow:— 8.50 a.m., grass fire at Morphetville; 11.30 a.m., chimney on fire, at Rosina street; 1.11 p.m., back kitchen and contents, also verandah destroyed, at the residence of Mrs. Golding, 88 Tynte street, North Adelaide; 2.9 p.m., rubbish ablaze at Keswick Barracks, close to the main building, no damage resulting; also two smaller grass fires and a line fault. On Friday the calls received were: — 4.4 p.m., gas stove alight at the residence of Mrs. Abbott, 63, Swaine avenue, Rose Park, kitchen floor damaged; 6.26 p.m., sawdust alight in back yard, adjoining the main premises of Mr. J. Thompson, a pattern maker, of Mellor street, off Waymouth street, city; 10.4 p.m., ironing and sterilizing rooms at Adelaide Hospital, North terrace, damaged by fire.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 4 December 1922, page 6

PILLAR BOX ON FIRE.

Shortly before 10 o'clock on Sunday night pedestrians in Currie street, Adelaide, noticed smoke issuing from a pillar box on the corner of Gray street. It was found that the contents of the pillar were on fire. The alarm was given, and the Fire Brigade was soon on the spot and extinguished the blaze. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 21 December 1922, page 3

FIREMEN'S BENEFIT DEMONSTRATION.

A large audience assembled at the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Headquarters, Wakefield street, city, on Wednesday night, to witness a demonstration by the men, and listen to a concert by

the brigade pierrots, tendered as a benefit to the widow and family of the late Mr. E. Keane, of Thebarton. The methods used in rescuing persons from, blazing buildings, were watched with keen interest. The programme included the erection of the folding ladder to a height of 65 feet, a rescue by means of a rope suspended from the ladder (as is necessary when the outside of an edifice is alight), the fireman's lift method, a demonstration of the use of the smoke helmet and jacket, and finally a jump from a height into a canvas. Following the demonstration came the pierrot entertainment in the gymnasium hall. This effort was a creditable one on the part of this talented amateur party, and their comedy particularly was fully appreciated by the audience, in addition to their large fund of popular songs, and sketches. Features of the show were the pyramidic display by the Australian Champion Troupe, the wrestling turns by "Strangler" Savers and "Hammerlock" Godfrey, and Don Creese and "Hacken" Smith, and the sketch, "The jazz fiends," by A. Andrews, and the company. Others who appeared successfully were Messrs. A. Greeman, C. Stretch, W. Reynolds, F. Noble, S. Testerow, Foreman Buchanan, Byrne, P. Grow, Grouch, H. Pollon, and P. Watt.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 27 December 1922, page 9

BLAZE IN PIRIE-STREET.

A GOOD SAVE.

There was a serious outbreak of fire at Messrs A. W. Dobbie & Son's factory, Pirie-street, on Tuesday morning, and the whole premises were endangered, but prompt intervention of the metropolitan brigade caused the flames to be got under in about 30 minutes. Between 8 o'clock and 8.30 three workmen were tarring the flooring of the upper storey between the plating polishing, and meter shops. They were heating a pot of tar on a gas jet, when it boiled over, and the flooring and fittings in the vicinity caught fire. At the time of the outbreak Mr. Malcolm Dobbie was at a garage on the other side of the street, and noticed smoke emerging from the roof of the factory, he ran to an alarm and called the brigade. Almost simultaneously Mr. Norman Camac, an apprentice, rushed up to the alarm with the same object in view. Meanwhile the workmen had been doing their best with a fire extinguisher and wet bags to cope with the blaze. On the arrival of the brigade effective measures were taken, and the damage by the flames was confined to portions of the floor, partitions, and the roof immediately above, but stock on the ground floor and a storeroom in the basement suffered from the outpouring of water. In seeking to put out the fire before the brigade arrived Mr. Camac had one of his hands severely scorched, but after first aid had been rendered he was able to go home. It was stated to be impossible to assess the damage until the stock could be examined in detail, but it was thought likely to be between £1,200 and £1,500. The loss is fully covered by insurance with the Law, Union, and Rock Company.