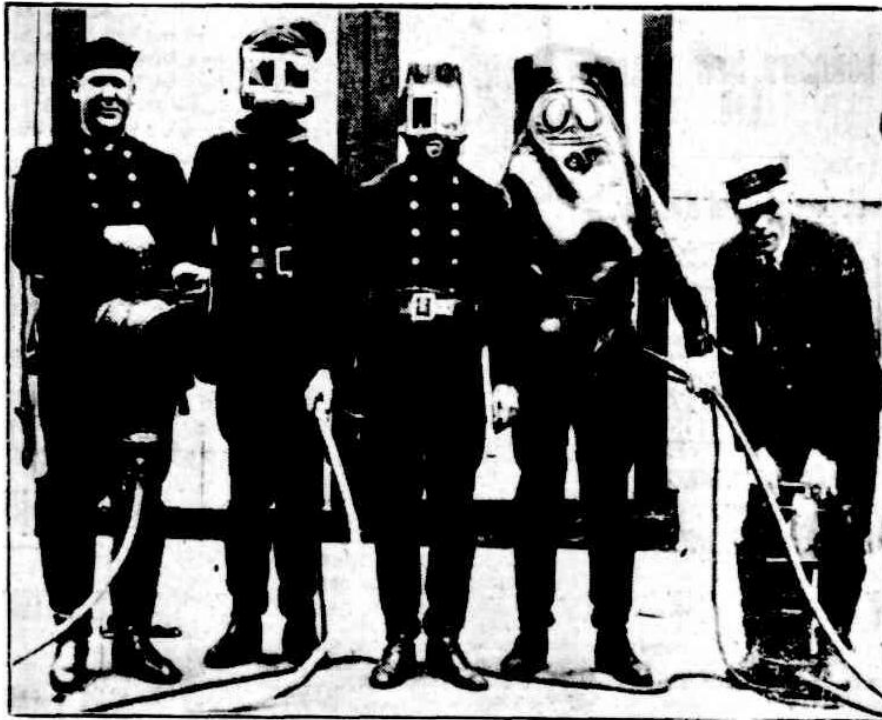


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USED AT GUMERAGHA TRAGEDY.

A feature of the rescue work at the Gumeracha tragedy on Monday was the use of the mask and air pump equipment of the Adelaide Fire Brigade. This photograph illustrates the system adopted for under-surface work.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 5 January 1929, page 1

Fire in Grenfell Street

Slight damage was done to the workshop and contents at the premises of Mr. G. Earle, clothing manufacturer, Grenfell street, Adelaide, by a fire which broke out about 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Adelaide Fire Brigade was summoned, and had the outbreak under control in a few minutes. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 11 January 1929, page 19

FIRE IN RUBBISH BARREL.

While patrolling the eastern end of the city late last night Constables McFarlane and Lehman noticed smoke issuing from a lane off Gilles-street.

The officers found that a barrel containing rubbish was alight in a shed at the rear of the home of Mrs. Charles, boarding house keeper, King William-street south. They extinguished the fire with a garden hose before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Saturday 12 January 1929, page 13

FIRE AT MILE-END COOPERAGE

Brigade Makes Good Save

The Thebarton Fire Brigade made a good save at the factory of R. Babidge and Sons, coopers and vat builders, at Mile-End last night, when the engine room caught fire.

The suburban brigade was called by telephone shortly after 7 o'clock, and when it arrived, the engine shed which adjoins the rest of the wooden building was blazing fiercely. Within quarter of an hour the flames were under control, but in the meantime the shed and contents were destroyed. A reel was sent from Adelaide, but its services were not required. The fire is believed to have originated from a spark from the gas producing engine.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 12 January 1929, page 25

FIRE AT MILE-END.

BIG BLAZE AVERTED.

A COOPERAGE IN DANGER.

The prompt action of neighboring householders in summoning the fire brigade and the latter's speedy arrival on the scene averted what threatened to be a spectacular and disastrous blaze at a cooperage at Mile-End on Friday evening. The premises are owned by Messrs. R. Babidge & Sons, coopers, vat builders, and importers, and are situated on Railway-terrace, Mile-End. On the northern side of the cooperage is a lane on which abuts the back fences of the houses on the south side of Gladstone-road. Mrs. M. Hedley, who resides in one of the houses, had occasion to go into the back yard shortly after 7 o'clock and she noticed smoke and flames is-suing from the cooperage. She immediately ran into the lane and instructed a man who was passing along Railway-terrace to call the fire brigade. Mrs. Hedley also informed a neighbor, who sent her son to telephone to the fire station. Within three minutes two appliances from the Adelaide and Hindmarsh stations were on the spot, the call having been received at 7.5 p.m. The fire was found to be situated in the engine-room, and the firemen, getting to work with a line of hose, the flames were soon extinguished. Had the outbreak not been arrested at such an early stage a big blaze would have resulted, for a few feet away from the engine-house are huge stacks of staves used in the manufacture of casks. Large heaps of sawdust are also close by. The building is of wood and iron and contains resin and other material which would have provided excellent fuel for the flames. Mr. Lloyd Babidge, a member of the firm, stated that so far as could be ascertained the damage would not be great, although the injury to the engines could not be definitely estimated until a proper examination had been made. It had been the practice for a caretaker to remain at the cooperage, but lately that arrangement had not been observed. The premises are insured.

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MOTOR CAR ON FIRE.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE ON PARK-TERRACE.

Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning the Adelaide Fire Brigade Station received a call to Park-terrace, where a motor car was on fire. An appliance was dispatched, and on arrival it was found that a single-seater motor car on Park-terrace, about 200 yards east of Anzac Highway, was burning fiercely. When the brigade arrived the machine had been almost completely destroyed, but with the use of two chemical extinguishers the firemen were able to save the wheels and tyres. The car had apparently been abandoned. The number of it was 62181.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 12 January 1929, page 1

Fewer Calls

Fire stations controlled by the South Australian Fire Brigade received 117 fewer calls in 1928 than in 1927. In 1927 brigades answered 706 calls. Fire waste, estimated on the amount covered by insurance, was 721,349— it has exceeded a million in one year, but, according to Mr. J. E. Dickie (Chief Officer) there were no noteworthy fires in 1928, although brigades had

589 turn-outs. "No one," says Mr. Dickie, "can estimate the annual loss to Australia through the ravages of the fire-fiend."

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 15 January 1929, page 1

SOUTH TERRACE FIRE
POLICE OFFICERS ENQUIRING
SUSPICIONS OF OWNER

The police are enquiring into the cause of a fire at Excelsior icecream factory, South terrace, Adelaide, about midnight last night. Mr. F. Maggi, proprietor, stated this morning, that although the total amount of damage had not yet been ascertained he estimated that it would be £4,000. Mr. Maggi believes that the fire was deliberately started. He has reported his suspicions to the police, who are investigating. Mr. Clem Duignan, who occupies a flat in a building adjacent to the factory, stated that about midnight he was awakened by a loud crackling sound. He saw that a portion of the factory was in flames. He immediately notified Mr. Maggi, who occupies a flat in the same building, and then gave the alarm. With the assistance of Mr. Maggi he managed to rescue one motor car and a truck, but the severity of the fire frustrated further attempts to secure the remainder of the delivery equipment. For a time it appeared that damage would be done to neighboring buildings, but Adelaide Fire Brigade was able to prevent the spread of the flames. The refrigerating tower was in danger of collapsing, but was saved by a narrow margin.

Mr. Maggi said that he left the premises at 8.30 o'clock last night, and was satisfied that everything was all right then. The fire started in a large wood-and-iron shed situated at the rear of the premises. It is used for housing delivery equipment and storing icecream cabinets. The shed and contents were totally destroyed. The icecream and ice rooms were not damaged. They are in a different building. Immediately access can be gained to the premises business will be carried on as usual and all hands employed. The building and contents were insured with the Standard Insurance Company.



State Library of South Australia - Excelsior Ice Cream and Ice Works, South Terrace [B 5101], South Terrace east, 10th January 1929. Left side of this building, erected in 1927-8, is 171 1/2 yards east of Symonds Place; frontage: 17 yards. 1929. Photographer, State Library of South Australia. Part of Acre 680 Collection.

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ICECREAM FACTORY ABLAZE

£10,000 DAMAGE ; INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED BY POLICE

GILLES STREET SCHOOL THREATENED

Early this morning a fire broke out in the Excelsior Icecream factory, South terrace, city, and in a short time the whole wood-and-iron building was ablaze. The damage is estimated at £10,000.

The structure adjoins the Pulteney Grammar School. The outbreak was noticed by a passer-by who notified Mr. F. Maggi, the proprietor, who lives next door. The fire brigade was communicated with, and their quick response prevented the threatened spread of the flames to adjoining buildings. The flames had a good hold on the building when the firefighters arrived, and although the outbreak was under control within a few minutes, the building was destroyed. Mr. Maggi made a desperate effort to save the motor lorries garaged at the rear of the building, but five of them were partially destroyed.

PETROL TANK EXPLODES

A petrol tank in the garage exploded, and gas from the refrigerating plant sent blue flames leaping 50 ft. into the air. The blaze could be seen for many miles around, and hundreds of spectators soon gathered. At one time the Gilles Street State School, which is at the rear of the factory, was threatened, but the arrival of the brigade averted the danger. Damage is estimated by Mr. Maggi at £10,000, part of which is covered by insurance. According to statements made to the police, incendiarism, is suspected, and enquires are being made.

OWNER COLLAPSES

Shortly, after the brigade arrived, Mr. Maggi, the owner of the works, who had been making frantic efforts to retrieve the motor lorries and cars, collapsed in the house.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 21 January 1929, page 2

FIRE IN HANSON STREET

Police Investigating

the premises of Mr. S. Najar, grocer, of the cause of a fire which broke out on the premises of Mr. S. Najar, grocer of 2 Hanson street, early this morning and did extensive damage to the store-room, office quarters, stock, and fittings. Adelaide Fire Brigade was notified at 2.45 o'clock, and the fire was soon under control.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 22 January 1929, page 6

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

GROCER'S SHOP DAMAGED.

A fire occurred in the grocery shop of Mr. S. Najar at the corner of Hanson and Wakefield streets, Adelaide, early on Monday morning. The fire station, which is a short distance from the scene, was notified of the outbreak at 2.45 o'clock.

The brigade found the grocery store well alight. The blaze was soon extinguished, and the block of buildings, of which the shop was a part was saved. The police are suspicious concerning the cause of the fire. It appeared to have started in a small room of one storey, which was used as a store. This was completely gutted. The fire evidently extended into the main shop, which is at the corner, and on the ground floor or a building of two storeys. The contents of the shop were damaged considerably by fire and water, and the groceries in the show windows were also affected. Glass from the windows which had broken owing to the heat was scattered over the footpath. Above the shop were three rooms, which were unoccupied at the time.

A report for the City Coroner (Dr W. Ramsay Smith) is being prepared by Plainclothes-Constable V. V. Kennedy. The police are anxious that the man who notified the brigade of the fire will disclose any information he may possess.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 22 January 1929, page 4

MACHINIST BURNED

Petrol Vapor Causes Fire

When a naked light came into contact with petrol vapor at the premises of Horner's Motor Works, Pirie street, Adelaide, this morning, a youth was injured by the flames and portion of the premises was damaged by fire. Mr. William Hoppe (aged 17 years), machinist, of Roebuck street, Mile-End, who was operating the light, sustained burns on the hands and feet. He was treated by members of Adelaide Fire Brigade, which was called by fire alarm, and later removed to Adelaide Hospital. The brigade quickly subdued the flames. A workbench and fittings were damaged by the fire.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 24 January 1929, page 4

FIRE IN NOVELTY SHOP

Other Premises Undamaged

Smart work by the Adelaide Fire Brigade enabled a fire which occurred about 7 o'clock last night in the Central Novelty Shop, Grote street, Adelaide, to be quickly extinguished. The shop, which is conducted by Miss G. H. Sargent, is in a block of buildings owned by Messrs. Charles Moore & Co., Victoria square. Two fire appliances were sent from headquarters in response to a telephone message that a fire was burning. The firemen quickly forced an entrance and found the back portion of the shop well alight. A small quantity of stock in the rear of the premises was destroyed by fire, and other goods were damaged by smoke and heat. The brigade prevented the spread of the fire to adjoining shops, which were not damaged in any way. The origin of the outbreak is unknown. The building was insured with the Western Assurance Company, and the stock with the Royal Exchange Assurance Company.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 25 January 1929, page 1

MONEY IN FIRE

SAVED JUST IN TIME

Waymouth Street Blaze

In subduing a fire in a two story residence at 289 Waymouth street, Adelaide, this morning firemen were just in time to save large sums of money in notes and silver. According to Mrs. H. B. Berryman, who is about 74 years of age, and owned and occupied the premises, the total amount of money was much more than £400. Firemen answered a call shortly after 10 o'clock and found the building well alight. A good save was effected. Mrs. Berryman, whose husband died 46 years ago, had been burning some papers in the stove. She left the room to make the beds, and was alarmed by a smell of something burning and clouds of smoke. Rushing out she gave the alarm and then attempted to obtain the money, most of which was contained in a suitcase in a bedroom on the top floor. Mrs. Berryman was unable to lift it on account of its weight, and went downstairs for assistance. She was prevented from making a second attempt by neighbors. Mrs. Berryman had her hair singed and her eyelashes and eyebrows burnt.

Two motor fire engines from Adelaide Fire Brigade, with Station Officer A. Griffen in charge, quickly subdued the outbreak, the firemen using respirators. Mrs. Berryman thinks that the outbreak was caused by a spark from the stove igniting some rubbish which she had collected for burning. Mrs. Berryman said that although she had been advised by the police to

bank the money, she liked to have it with her. Only yesterday she put £35 in the bank. The premises and those at 291 Waymouth street, which Mrs. Berryman also owns, were badly scorched. Much damage was done to the contents by fire and water. The rear portion of the premises suffered severely. The premises, which are insured with the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company for £510, were formerly used as a secondhand shop, but latterly Mrs. Berryman had discontinued the business.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Tuesday 29 January 1929, page 14

CASUALTIES

FIRE IN A BAKEHOUSE

A fire which broke out on Monday morning in the premises in Carrington street, occupied by Mr. R. S. Glass, baker, caused damage amounting to several hundreds of pounds. The Fire Brigade responded to a call by telephone about 5.5, and the fire had a good hold when they arrived, but the building was saved. The contents of the bakehouse and other parts of the premises were badly damaged by smoke and water.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 30 January 1929, page 17

A RUBBISH FIRE.

The Fire Brigade was summoned to the rear of the premises of the South Australian Gas Company, in Waymouth-street, on Tuesday night. A quantity of rubbish was alight, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Wednesday 30 January 1929, page 12

CASUALTIES

FIRE IN GARAGE

The G.P.O. fire alarm was sounded last evening, when smoke was seen issuing from the South Australian Gas Company's garage in Post Office place. The City Fire Brigade was soon on the scene, and found that a rubbish box had caught alight. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Tuesday 5 February 1929, page 15

FIRE BRIGADES' DISPUTE SETTLED

The president of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr. K. E. Bardolph), and the secretary explained on Sunday to a meeting of the fire brigade employes, who are members of the A.G.W.A., the terms of settlement of the dispute with the board. The board, it was intimated, would recognise the secretary of the A.G.W.A. (Mr. F. K. Nieass) in future. Thanks were expressed to Messrs. Bardolph and Howard, O'Leary, and McCann, who had conducted the negotiations. The settlement was accepted with acclamation.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 6 February 1929, page 12

House Damaged by Fire

Damage was done by fire to the kitchen and rear verandah of a private house in Byron street, Adelaide, this morning, Adelaide Fire Brigade was called by the Grote street fire alarm, and quickly extinguished the flames. The house is occupied by Mrs. E. Emblem.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Friday 8 February 1929, page 3

MOTOR LORRY DESTROYED

A motor lorry was destroyed in a fire which broke out in the Universal Tyre Repairing Company's premises, off Pulteney street, city, last night. The City Fire Brigade extinguished the blaze before much damage had been done to the building.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 8 February 1929, page 5

Fire at Consumptive Home

A fire broke out about 11.30 o'clock this morning in a yard at the Consumptive Home, North terrace. Two beds were burned and slight damage done to a fence. The brigade quickly extinguished the flames.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 12 February 1929, page 13

ARSON ALLEGED

Fire in Wakefield Street

Charged with having set fire to premises in Wakefield street, Adelaide, on January 21, Said Najar appeared before Mr. E. M. Sabine, P.M., in No. 1 Adelaide Police Court this morning. Mr. L. Bond, who prosecuted, said that defendant had occupied a mixed grocery shop and attached dwelling at the corner of Wakefield and Hanson streets. On the morning of January 21, the Fire Brigade received a call to attend a fire at these premises. After the blaze had been extinguished a search among the debris suggested that some person had deliberately set fire to the building. Candles discovered in paper saturated in kerosene provided one of a number of suspicious circumstances. On June 25, 1928, defendant had leased the premises. On January 7 he owed rent for 13 weeks. The premises were insured for £1,250. Mr. H. Solomon appeared for defendant, and Mr. B. Harford watched proceedings on behalf of the New Zealand Insurance Company. Alfred Michael Griffin, officer stationed at the South Australian Fire Brigade, said that when he proceeded to the premises, the grocer's shop was well alight. Flames leaping out of the windows could be seen soon after witness left the fire station. The premises were securely locked. Witness had to force his way in. There was a smell of kerosene. Bottles appeared to contain methylated spirits, and a number of candles had been lit. Paper leaves on the floor of a room led to another room containing a tin of methylated spirits. Constable Kennedy deposed that with Mr. Griffin he made an examination of the premises. On the floor under the counter in the main shop witness saw a paper cone with a candle inserted in it. Nearby, were two uncorked bottles of methylated spirits. A long strip of paper was adhering to the cone. Portion of a bag was found, and it had a strong smell of kerosene. The hearing is proceeding.

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ALLEGED ARSON.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Said Najar was charged in the Adelaide Police Court, before E. M. Sabine, P.M., on Tuesday, with having wilfully set fire to premises at the corner of Hanson and Wakefield streets, on January 21. Mr. L. Bond prosecuted on behalf of the police, Mr. Herbert Solomon appeared for the accused, and Mr. B. Harford watched the proceedings on behalf of the New Zealand Insurance Company. The Police Prosecutor said the accused, prior to the fire, had a mixed grocer's shop. It was a building of two storeys, and consisted of a shop, storeroom, and dwelling house. On the morning of January 21 the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call, and found the premises alight. After the fire was extinguished an examination of the debris led to the suspicion that the place had been deliberately set on fire. Candles were found inserted in paper holders which appeared to have been saturated with kerosene. It was ascertained that on June 25 last the accused leased the premises, and on January 7 he was thirteen weeks in arrears with the rent. The premises were insured for £1,250 and the stock, fixtures, &c., for £1,740. Constable Hudd, police photographer, produced photographs he had taken of portions of the premises. Alfred Michael Griffin, an officer of the Fire Brigade Board, stated

that when he arrived at the shop the place was well alight. He could see flames leaping from the windows soon after he left the fire station. On arriving he had to force open the premises, which were securely locked. He could smell kerosine. After the flames were subdued he found bottles which appeared to him to have contained methylated spirits, and several partly burned candles were seen. Paper leaves were on the floor of a room. He found portion of a wheat sack which seemed to him to smell of kerosine. Constable Kennedy deposed that, in company with Mr. Griffen, he made an examination of the premises on January 21. On the floor under the counter in the main shop the witness saw a paper cone with a candle inserted in it, and near the place were two uncorked bottles of methylated spirits. A long strip of paper was adhering to the cone. Portion of a bag was found, and it had a strong smell of kerosine. Evidence was given regarding the insurance. It was stated that the accused said the stock was worth £1,700. That was a reasonable valuation. An officer of the company said he would make a proposal for 75 per cent. of the values. Furniture and other articles were also insured, bringing the amount of the policy to £1,740. Patrick A. Green deposed that he took a check of the stock after the fire. He estimated the value of the contents of the premises at £547. Detective Correll said, in company with Detective Strangway, he interviewed the accused in Brown-street on January 23. In answer to questions the accused said he was at the shop on the previous Sunday night. No one slept on the premises that night. He went to the shop about 7 p.m. and left about 9 o'clock. After leaving he went to the Semaphore, where he was staying. He had not at that time made any claim on the insurance company, but he was just going to see the inspector. He did not know whether or not he would make a claim. He had transferred some of his stock to the value of about £300 from the shop in Hanson-street to Lameroo some time previously. He had not informed the insurance company that he had sent some of the stock away. Some furniture had been taken from the premises on the previous Thursday to his father's house in Wright-street. He insured the furniture he had on the premises, and he told the inspector that he had some furniture at Port Pirie and that he was going to buy some new articles. The insurance on the furniture was for £200. He did not get the furniture from Port Pirie as he found it would cost too much, nor did he buy any new furniture. He did not inform the company that he had not got those goods. He intended to get some, but had not done so. He was the only person who had a key to the premises. The witness said he mentioned to the accused that they had examined the premises and found some candles under the counter and on the shelves standing with paper around them. Bottles of methylated spirits and kerosine were found without corks, and some paper lying about the floor appeared to have been saturated with kerosine. He added, "We are satisfied that the shop was deliberately set on fire." He asked the accused to accompany him to the premises. On the way to the shop he asked the accused why furniture had been removed to his father's place, and he replied that his father "got wild with him." Mr. Solomon submitted that the evidence did not establish a case for the accused to answer. The accused had not been on the premises for some hours prior to the fire being noticed. There was no motive to prompt Najar to set fire to the place. The Police Prosecutor argued that the circumstances were such as to connect the accused with the arson. He thought there could be no doubt that the place was deliberately fired. The only question was, "Who did it?" It was a matter for consideration that the accused's goods were distrained on for rent on more than one occasion. The magistrate said there was a case for the accused to answer. The accused reserved his defence and was committed for trial. Bail was allowed in a personal bond of £100 and one surety of £100, or two of £50 each.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 26 February 1929, page 15

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

IRON CAUSES FIRE.

Through an electric iron, which had been left connected with the current, igniting a table, the kitchen of a house occupied by Mr. F. R. Bell at the corner of Herbert and Sims streets. Ashford, was damaged by fire on Monday morning. At the time the occupants were not in the

house. The fire was noticed by neighbors, who summoned the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and the firemen soon extinguished the blaze.

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POLICEMAN VICTIM BURIED

Thousands Attend Funeral of Constable Holman

SEVERAL thousand people attended the funeral of Constable Holman, who was shot dead in Grenfell street on Saturday night, at West Terrace Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The cortege was nearly half a mile long. Representatives of every branch of the police service were present. Travelling two-deep, the cortege was led by 20 motor traffic police on motor cycle outfits, followed by a reel from the City Fire Brigade, and several mounted police. Then came a column of dismounted troopers and foot constables, followed by comrades of Constable Holman, from the plainclothes branch, and detectives. Immediately in front of the hearse was the Commissioner of Police (Brig.-Gen. Leane) on foot, with Inspectors McGrath, Nation, and Horseman. The hearse was followed by a long line of private and police cars, carrying relatives and friends. Hundreds of people were waiting at the cemetery gates, where the funeral filed through a guard of motor traffic police. The Rev. R. Taylor, conducted the service.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 1 March 1929, page 30

MOTOR CYCLE ON FIRE.

BLAZE AT PETROL STATION.

Shortly after 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the Fire Brigade received a telephone message that there was a fire at the petrol service station of Mr. E. C. Morris, motor engineer, at West-terrace. Three appliances, under Station Officers Cooper and Sayers, were sent. On arrival the firemen found that the blaze had been extinguished. Mr. P. Pearce took his motor cycle to the service station for petrol. The acetylene lamp on the cycle was burning and the naked light caused the petrol to ignite. The cycle was slightly damaged. The blaze was smothered by Mr. Morris and passers-by.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 1 March 1929, page 11

Hawkers' Van Burned

Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call early this morning to 180 Angas street where a hawker's van in the yard of a blacksmith was on fire. The flames were extinguished but the van and contents had been severely damaged. The van belonged to Mr. H. A. Monsoor.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 4 March 1929, page 14

MOTOR CYCLE AND TRAM.

TWO MEN INJURED IN COLLISION.

Shortly before 11 o'clock on Saturday night a motor cycle and sidecar outfit skidded as it was proceeding along Currie-street and came into collision with a tram, resulting in two men being taken to the Adelaide Hospital with serious injuries.

They are: —

Mr. JACK SMITH, of Scott's Creek (fractured arm, abrasions, and shock).

Mr. HURTLE PERCY COOK, of Burnside-road, North Kensington (fractured skull).

The machine burst into flames after the impact, and the Fire Brigade was called to extinguish the fire. The noise of the smash and the sight of the flames drew hundreds of persons to the scene, and for some time there was a block in the traffic. At a late hour last night Mr. Cook was still in a serious condition. There was little alteration in the condition of Mr. Smith.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 5 March 1929, page 11

Fire at Destructor

At 9.25 o'clock this morning Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to the Halifax street depot of the refuse destructor. The fire was at the asphalt plant building. A quantity of melting bitumen caught alight. Flames spread rapidly, but were quickly subdued. Damage was not serious and was confined to electric wiring and some nearby window panes. According to Mr. J. Storie (engineer in charge) the damage was not more than £30.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 5 March 1929, page 15

A CITY BLAZE.

FIRE IN MILLINERY SHOP.

The Fire Brigade was summoned to an outbreak at the millinery shop of Miss Dorothy Dodd, Globe Chambers, Victoria-square, late last night. The premises run from Victoria-square to Page-street, and are situated on the ground floor, and in the middle of a block of shops. Mr. W. A. Burgess, a jeweller, of Page-street, heard a loud explosion and ran to the front of his shop in time to see a large plateglass window of Miss Dodd's shop collapse. Flames, accompanied by volumes of smoke, issued from the Page-street entrance to the shop. The firemen quickly extinguished the blaze. Much damage was done to the premises and stock. A gymnasium, which is conducted on the first floor above the western end of Miss Dodd's shop, was also damaged. The shop of Mr. Burgess sustained slight damage by water. A large plateglass window at the Victoria-square entrance of the millinery shop was smashed, apparently by combustion.

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WORK OF FIREFIGHTERS

FEWER CALLS LAST YEAR

85 Malicious False Alarms

During last year Adelaide Fire Brigade received 589 calls, which represented a decrease of 117 compared with 1927, according to the report of Chief Officer J. E. Dickie, which is incorporated in the report for 1928 of the Fire Brigades Board. There were 31 cases in which the damage was serious, 98 cases of heavy damage, 174 slight outbreaks, 110 grass and rubbish fires, 15 chimney fires, 13 justified alarms, 85 malicious false alarms, and 63 line faults. Mr. Dickie reported that during the year there was an increase of 24 serious fires, but others showed a decrease. The authorised strength of the brigade is 112 permanent firemen, 53 auxiliary firemen, and 46 theatre auxiliary men, making a total of 211, continued the report.

New stations have been completed at Prospect, Norwood, and Tanunda, and equipment moved to the new premises. Prospect has had installed all necessary gear, and 10 street fire alarms are to be connected to the station. At Port Adelaide Fire Station the motor ambulance attended 515 calls, and at Port Pirie 141 calls since July 30.

Efficient Officers

Mention is made in the report of the assistance rendered by the Police Force, Waterworks Department, and Adelaide Electric Supply Company, Limited. Chief Officer Dickie pays a tribute to the co-operation and efficient manner in which officers of the brigade performed their duties. The report of the surgeon shows that there were only five accidents and 14 cases of ordinary sickness. Mr. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the board) reports that arrangements were proceeding with Port Lincoln Town Council for the erection of an up-to-date station on a site which has been approved by the board. Application for the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act. 1913, to apply to the Corporation of Port Augusta West (which will be attached to the Port

Augusta fire district) has been made to the Government. It is expected that a proclamation will be issued at an early date.

Improvements Effected

During the year, states the report, improvements were effected at Port Adelaide Station (Slagetto paving in engineroom), Port Pirie (balcony and paving in engineroom), Kadina and Burra (new bathrooms), Unley and Glenelg (new division fencing), and Adelaide (repairs and renovations to residence of chief officer) Other additions were the purchase of a new car for the chief officer, and additional fire plugs at Mallala. The question of installing 20 fire alarms to serve Walkerville and Prospect fire districts is receiving the attention of the Postmaster General's Department. Mr. A. M. Ashwin (representative of contributory companies), and Mr. R. Hawke (representing suburban and country municipalities and districts in which the Fire Brigades Act applies) have retired from the board by effluxion of time. Mr. R. P. Hogg (of Queensland Insurance Company) and Cr. A. J. W. Lewis (of Port Adelaide) have been appointed to the vacancies.

Summaries prepared by Chief Officer Dickie show that fires where the cause was unknown numbered 183. The chief causes were naked light (35), spark from fire (33), fusing of wires (20), and back-fire (14). The amount of insurance on property affected by fire was £804,714.

Receipts and Expenditure

The statement of receipts, payments, and balances shows that contributions for 1928 included insurance companies (£28,770), Government (£11,508), Corporation of Adelaide (£4,507), and Port Adelaide Corporation (£2,703), which together with contributions from other municipal bodies made a total of £51,786. Contributions paid in excess of actual expenditure amounted to £2,812. Valuation of the plant a December 31, 1928, was £30,702, representing an increase of £355. Liabilities to the end of last year were £27,530, the main item being plant debentures (£15,000). Expenditure at Adelaide amounted to £26,099, less £5,816 charged to other per-sons. Main items of expenditure were wages and salaries (£17,529), uniforms (£1,409), and plant (£1,584). Suburban and country brigades absorbed £31,503, making expenditure for the year £51,786. Assets to end of last year amounted to £4,129, and the property account recorded a total of £42,974.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 11 March 1929, page 1

FIRE AT GYMNASIUM

The ceiling of a gymnasium in a two-story building at the rear of the South Australian Hotel was slightly damaged by fire early this afternoon. Adelaide Fire Brigade attended and quickly subdued the flames.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 12 March 1929, page 15

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

FIRE IN PHYSICAL CULTURE COLLEGE.

About 2.15 p.m. yesterday a fire was noticed in the ceiling of the third floor of the Bowman College of Physical Culture where seaweed which covers the wooden ceiling of the gymnasium as an insulator had become ignited. Attention was first drawn to the fire by one of the girl pupils, who heard crackling from the second storey. She informed Mrs. Bowman, wife of the proprietor, who notified the fire brigade. The outbreak was extinguished before the flames obtained a good hold.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Thursday 14 March 1929, page 2

SNAKE ATTACKS FIREFIGHTER

Police Fought Flames for 20 Hours

RESIDENTS at Waterfall Gully and on the Mount Barker road below the Eagle-on-the-Hill thank the Police Department for safety, in some cases of their homes, from the bush fires. About 35 constables from the mounted and foot branches were sent to fight the fires. Early in the day, in parts where destruction of homes and property seemed most imminent, the police were practically the only men at hand to fight the flames. At Waterfall Gully, where a batch of about a dozen men had been fighting all day, some having begun duty in the city at 8 a.m., they volunteered to carry on in the evening until everything was safe. They did not get back to headquarters until about 4 a.m. yesterday. This meant they had been on duty, most of the time doing exhausting work, for 20 hours without a spell.

EARLY CALL

The first call for assistance came about 7 .30 o'clock in the morning— from the Mountain Hut Hotel. Within the shortest possible time, every available man from suburban stations, and the city, was rushed in the patrol van to Glen Osmond in charge of P.C. Emery, of Mitcham, an experienced firefighter.

P. C. Webber, who had been taken off traffic control from the city, felt a sharp tug at the leg of his trousers from behind, while beating at the flames. He turned and saw a large brown snake with its fangs in the cloth. He swept it off with the bough he was using and flicked the snake back into the fire. As he did so he found himself nearly treading on another of the same variety. It wriggled to safety before he could kill it.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 15 March 1929, page 19

SHED ALIGHT IN CITY.

About 10 o'clock last night the Fire Brigade was called to Gawler-place, where a shed at the rear of Messrs. A. Simpson & Son, was alight. The shed and its contents were slightly damaged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 15 March 1929, page 19

BATHROOM COMEDY.

VISIT BY FIRE BRIGADE.

HEATER CAUSES ALARM.

Having subdued an outbreak in Gawler-place last night, a fire patrol from the City Brigade was returning to the depot when a man on a bicycle rode up, and said that he believed the premises of Messrs. Thompson & Harvey, in Flinders-street, were alight. He had seen signs of fire on the top of the building. The appliance immediately set out for the scene of the supposed outbreak, followed by the cyclist. There was smoke in the air when they arrived, but no flames. Next door to Messrs. Thompson & Harvey's is the London Hotel, the licensee of which is Miss A. M. Campbell. Two of the firemen speedily set a ladder against the verandah of the hotel and clambered over the roof to investigate. From the verandah they climbed to the roof of the hotel, and the sound of their boots could be heard for some distance. Meanwhile the officer in charge of the brigade called out in a stentorian voice to awaken Miss Campbell. The effort was quickly successful, a window on the second floor at the side being raised. The officer enquired of the person who appeared, apparently in a nightgown, whether she had been using the bath-heater again! The reply indicated that such had been the case, and that the lady concerned had been disturbed in her ablutions. The officer explained the cause of the intrusion in a graceful manner. After certifying that there were no signs of an outbreak from the roof the firemen descended, and withdrew.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 22 March 1929, page 19

FIRE AT SOUTH-TERRACE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade was summoned early on Thursday morning to Owens-street, off South-terrace, where rubbish was burning at the rear of the factory of Messrs. C. Rutherford and Co., wire mattress manufacturers. A quantity of timber and galvanized iron was destroyed.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 1 April 1929, page 12

A SMALL FIRE.

The Fire Brigade received a call on Sunday afternoon to a fire in a lane off Charles-street, city. It was found that a quantity of rubbish was alight. The fire was extinguished and no damage was done.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 2 April 1929, page 10

SHOP GUTTED BY FIRE.

The shop of Mr. T. Atkins, fancy-goods importer, Compton-street, off Gouger-street, Adelaide, was gutted by fire yesterday. The shop, which was a wood and iron double-fronted structure, was heavily stocked. The fire was discovered shortly before 2 p.m., when a man ran into the Old Queen's Arms Hotel, saying that the place was alight, and the barman, Mr. L. Hooper, immediately telephoned to the Fire Brigade. When a fire-fighting appliance, in charge of the Deputy Chief Officer (Mr. G. Cooper) arrived, the place was burning from end to end. The crowd was held in check by Sergeant McCabe and Constable Somers. Mr. Atkins, it was reported, left on Sunday to spend the holiday at Oakbank.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 2 April 1929, page 1

FIRE IN HINDLEY STREET

Valuable Adelaide Block Menaced

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN £1,000

Damage to contents of an auction mart estimated at £1,050 was caused by a fire which broke out in Adelaide House, Hindley street at 9 o'clock this morning. In addition the flames destroyed the interior of the mart, and much woodwork along the front of the building and adjoining premises. Alarmed by dense clouds of smoke, employes of Adelaide Women's Club, which occupies the first floor, and tenants of nearby establishments, hurried to safety. One woman was assisted over a balcony and through a window into Paringa Building, which is next door to Adelaide House. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade quickly extinguished the flames. The fire menaced a valuable block of buildings.

Premises rented by Mr. J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne, and used as an auction mart, were well alight when appliances arrived from Wakefield Street Station. The flames were burning the woodwork of the balcony in front of the shop and adjoining premises, but within half an hour members of the brigade, had confined the outbreak to a limited area and had extinguished the blaze. Damage to adjoining premises was chiefly from smoke and water. In the kitchen of Adelaide Women's Club several assistants were at work when the alarm was given. Mr. S. Sinclair, lift attendant at Paringa Building, said that he was passing the auction mart about 8.45 o'clock when he saw a flame at the rear of the premises. He told another man, who rushed to inform a constable nearby. Then, according to Mr. Sinclair, the flames shot up and dense smoke issued from the mart. Mr. Sinclair hurried to Paringa Building, and when he reached there ascertained that a woman employe of Adelaide Women's Club was on the balcony of the club and could not get down to the street as the stairway was filled with smoke. With Mr. P. H. Andrews Mr. Sinclair opened an office window on the first floor of Paringa Building and assisted the woman over the railing and along the top of the verandah to safety. It is thought that the fire originated in an open room without windows, and protected from the street by wire gates. In the north-west corner was a wooden stall from which stockings, ties,

and haberdashery had been sold. This stall had been sublet to Mr. O. Sweet. The stock was estimated to be worth £50.

SPORTING GOODS DAMAGED

The auction mart, which occupied the remainder of the room, had a matchboard elevated platform at the rear, and shelves along the walls. Mr. W. Raymond, who manages the mart for Mr. Rosenthal, said that he had no interest in the business, but was working for wages. He estimated the stock, which comprised drapery, plated goods, jewellery, and cutlery to be worth £1,000. Practically all the fittings and stock of the mart and stall were destroyed by the flames.

Adelaide Sports Depot is immediately west of the mart, and its premises extend behind and below the scene of the outbreak. Mr. E. L. S. Tuck, a partner of the firm, said that a passerby rushed into his shop crying "Fire." Mr. Tuck could see smoke in front of his premises, and immediately telephoned Metropolitan Fire Station. The brigade arrived about two minutes later. After the outbreak had been quelled an inspection of the basement of the sports depot revealed that much water had trickled through from the mart above. It had damaged a quantity of sporting goods stored there, including tennis racquets and nets. Fortunately there is a drainage well under the front part of the basement, otherwise the water would have accumulated on the floor and caused more damage. In the premises of Collett's Limited damage was confined chiefly to articles in the window. Smoke and water also caused loss to clothing reserve stocks on the floor above. Mr. J. W. Daly (manager and a director of the company) said that he was not able to estimate the amount of damage until he had examined the stock.

BALCONY ABLAZE

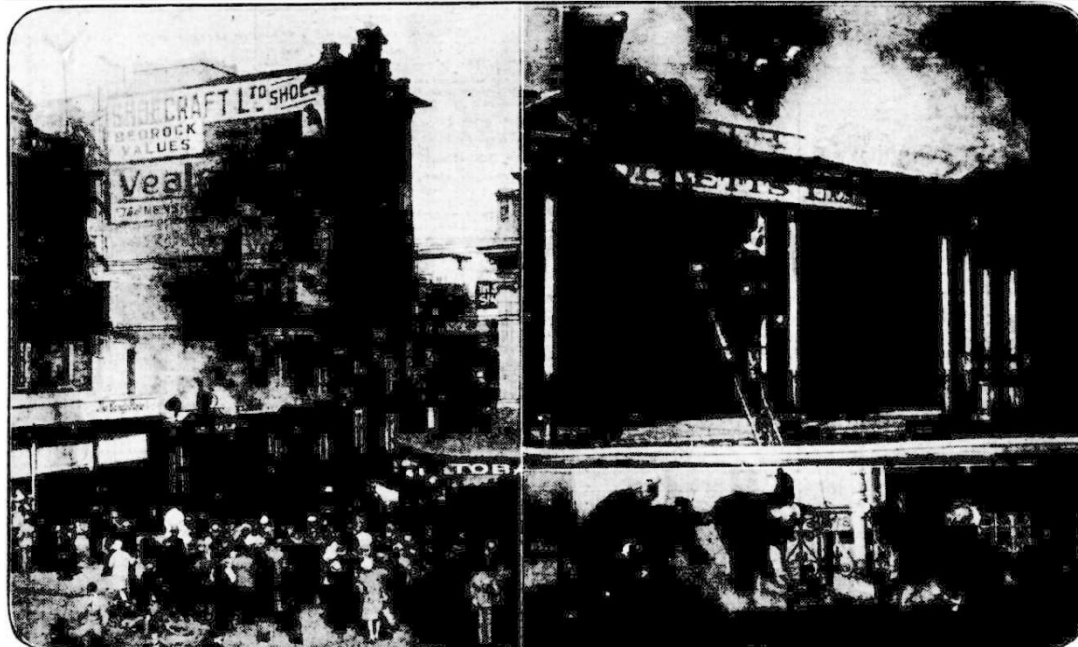
After the flames had been subdued in the mart the balcony in front continued to blaze. The firemen found difficulty in attacking the seat of the fire, which was between the floor of the balcony and a wooden ceiling. It was necessary to tear down much woodwork with hatchets before streams of water could be played on the burning wood. Although the premises of Adelaide Women's Club were filled with smoke, they suffered no damage beyond that done to the balcony. A tobacconist shop on the western side of the outbreak occupied by Mr. L. V. Elliott sustained only slight loss from smoke and scorching. Many persons proceeding to their places of employment were attracted by the smoke, and from the opposite side of the street watched the firemen at work. The spectators were orderly and well controlled by a number of policemen in charge of Brig.-Gen. R. L. Leane (Commissioner). Mr. W. D. Cookes, of Melbourne, is owner of Adelaide House. His local representative is Mr. J. M. Brumby, of Ezywalkin Limited.



SPECTATORS WATCH FIREMEN COMBAT BLAZE IN HINDLEY STREET TODAY
When a fire broke out in Adelaide House this morning a large number of people gathered. Policemen kept everyone at a safe distance. In the left foreground is one of the appliances brought to the scene by members of Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Wednesday 3 April 1929, page 16

CITY FIRE SCENES



FIRE-FIGHTING SCENES IN HINDLEY STREET: Good work in saving adjoining premises was done by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade when a blaze in an auction mart rented by Mr. J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne, spread to the verandah of Adelaide House, next door, and threatened to involve other buildings. These pictures show the men at work. Much damage was done in the auction room, and the flooring of the verandahs was destroyed. Window goods in Messrs. Collett's men's wear store were also damaged.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Wednesday 3 April 1929, page 3

WOMAN TRAPPED

Rescued From Burning City Balcony

ANOTHER ESCAPES

MRS. Curvill, of Glen Osmond, a cook employed at the Adelaide Women's Club, in Hindley street, City, collapsed when she was trapped in the club room during a fire which did £2,000 damage in about half an hour to Hindley street premises yesterday. She was rescued by Mr. P. H. Andrews, who has a first floor office in Paringa Building, which adjoins the block in which the fire occurred.

"I was watching the fire brigade coming down Hindley street about 8.45 a.m. when I saw a woman leaning over the railing of the club balcony, screaming," said Mr. Andrews. The flames rose high from the balcony floor in a few moments, and the woman rushed back into the clubroom. Climbing from his window to the balcony, he gained access to the club. "Mrs. Curvill was on the floor in a state of collapse, but shaking her, I brought her to her senses." Mr. Andrews said. "Then I helped her out of the room, along the balcony, to my office."

GOES BACK AGAIN

Mrs. Curvill was soon revived. Mr. Andrews went in search of Miss Minnie Clark, acting secretary of the club, whom Mrs. Curvill said she had left in the club room. He regained the room, which was full of smoke, but found no trace of Miss Clark. He rushed to the balcony to warn fireman there was a woman still in the building. Then it was discovered that Miss Clark had reached safety. When the fire was first noticed it had a strong hold upon an auction mart managed by Mr. W. Raymond for Mr. J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne. This was burnt out, with a small haberdashery stall owned by Mr. O. Sweet.

IN SPORTS DEPOT

Mr. Raymond valued his stock at more than £1,000. Mr. Sweet valued his at £50. The fire burned quickly along the woodwork of the balcony of Adelaide House, where the auction mart is, to the drapery and clothing business of Collett's Ltd. Here articles in the windows were damaged, chiefly by smoke and water. Water reached the basement of the Adelaide Sports Depot, and damaged tennis racquets and nets. The fire extended down Hindley street to the tobacconist's shop of Mr. L. V. Elliott, who sustained slight loss by smoke and scorching. No damage except to the balcony was done to the women's club.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 6 April 1929, page 54

FIRE IN HINDLEY-STREET.



PROGRESS CHECKED SPEEDILY. DAMAGE ABOUT £1,500.

Hundreds of people who were on their way to business shortly before 9 a.m. on Tuesday watched firemen put out a blaze which originated in premises used as an auction mart in Adelaide House, a two-storey business block in Hindley street. The damage is estimated at more than £1,500. Police constables keeping the crowd in check were assisted by traffic police, who drove their machines up and down the dense crowds of people, forcing them to go back. Two mounted constables were also present. The auction mart, which was owned by Mr. J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne, was gutted. The premises could only be entered from the front which was barred by heavy wire screens, but was otherwise open to the street. Adjoining it on the one side was the clothing store of Collett's, Limited, and on the other a number of shops, including the Adelaide Sports Depot, Hale and Hale, furnishers, and L. V. Elliott's tobacconist shop, all of which suffered damage in a minor degree from fire and water.

Quick Response to Alarm.

Several people noticed the fire about the same time, and Mr. F. Hill, of Fourth-street, Bowden, broke a fire alarm in King William-street. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received the call at 8.51 a.m. Immediately afterwards a telephone call was received from Mr. E. L. S. Tuck, one of the proprietors of the Adelaide Sports Depot, next door to the burning shop. Four motor fire-engines, a fire reel, pumps, and the big ladder were rushed to the scene, and 20 firemen, under the Deputy Chief Officer (Mr. G. P. Cooper) attacked the flames which were filling the interior of the auction mart and licking at the verandahs of Adelaide House and the premises of Collett's Limited. The Adelaide Women's Club is situated over the premises of Hale and Hale, and in it were a number of assistants when the alarm was given. One woman went out on to the balcony, and climbing over on to the verandah of Paringa Building which adjoins Adelaide House, got through a window on the first floor to safety.

Damage from Water and Smoke.

The fire was soon under control, but volumes of smoke continued to pour out from the verandahs along a frontage of about 90 feet, and difficulty was found in mastering the fire there as it was between the flooring of the verandah and the wooden ceiling. Firemen had to cut away the woodwork with hatchets, but this was done before 9.30, and at 10 o'clock the last of the appliances returned to head-quarters. Mr. W. Raymond, who acts as manager of

the auction mart, said the damage was estimated at over £1,000. A portion of the frontage was rented to Mr. O. Sweet, of Rundle-street, who had a stall for selling hosiery and haberdashery. The stall and goods valued at £50 were destroyed. In Collett's Limited, stock in the reserve room was damaged by smoke and water, but the manager, Mr. J. W. Daly, was unable to estimate exactly what damage had been done. In the room was stacked a recently received consignment of new football guernseys ordered by various clubs for the coming season. In the Adelaide Sports Depot the water poured through into a basement in which tennis racquets and sporting goods were stored, but as there is a drain in the floor of the basement the damage was not considerable. The verandahs in front of the shops were wrecked, and several windows were broken. Collett's closed for the day, but the other shops continued to do business from the rear entrances. Adelaide House is owned by Mr. W. D. Cookes, of Melbourne, whose Adelaide representative is Mr. J. M. Brumby, of Ezywalkin, Limited. The damage to the property is estimated at some hundreds of pounds. The block where the fire occurred is a valuable one, but some of the buildings are fairly old.



State Library of South Australia - Hindley Street, Adelaide [B 5805], [General description] City buildings on Hindley Street include a graceful older style two storey building with an iron lace verandah (Adelaide House) and the tall modern Paringa Building next door (whose walls display large painted advertisements for Robur Tea and Burford's Soap). A large horse-drawn van stands in front of Colletts Limited, Mens and Boys wear. [On back of photograph] 'Acre 78 / Hindley Street, south side / July 21st 1930 / Left side of Adelaide House is 5 yards east of Gresham Street and frontage is 16.5 yards'. Approximately 1930. Photographer, State Library of South Australia. Part of Acre 78 Collection.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 6 April 1929, page 4

Small Fire in City

Adelaide Fire Brigade was called at 8.50 o'clock tonight to extinguish a fire which broke out in a small heap of straw in a warehouse opposite Cornell Limited, Pirie street. The blaze was stopped within a few minutes.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 8 April 1929, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE WORKERS

Volunteer Question Raised

A special summoned meeting of the fire brigade section of the Australian Government Workers' Association was held yesterday morning, when Mr. T. J. D. Barker presided over a large attendance. The report of the committee in regard to a shorter working week was agreed to, and the meeting decided to ask the board to receive a delegation to discuss the position with it. Statements made by Messrs. J. McInnes and A. J. Blackwell, Ms.P., at the Good Friday social gathering of Hindmarsh Volunteer Fire Brigade were discussed. It was resolved that a petition signed by all permanent firemen throughout the State be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Council and the council of the Labor Party, asking them to define their attitude on the volunteer system.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 15 April 1929, page 10

FIRE IN RUNDLE-STREET.

The fire brigade received a call at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday to the confectionery shop of Mr. George Gregory Nicolaides (trading under the name of J. Sigalas) in Rundle-street. A blaze was confined to a storeroom at the rear of the building on the first floor, where about £700 worth of stock was kept. Considerable damage was done to the stock and fittings, and slight damage to the building.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 16 April 1929, page 22

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Adelaide City Council yesterday,

The Fire Brigades Board was given permission to erect pillar fire alarm standards at the corner of Hill and Buxton streets and at the corner of Jeffcott-street and Wellington-square.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 17 April 1929, page 8

HINDLEY-STREET FIRE.

ENQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE.

THE HEARING ADJOURNED.

An enquiry into the cause of a fire in an auction mart at 9, Hindley-street, Adelaide, on April 2, was held by the Assistant Coroner (Mr. C. L. Mathews) on Tuesday. Mr. C. Gillespie appeared for the Crown, Mr. B. Roberts for the Australian Federal General Insurance Company, and Mr. R. F. Newman for W. Raymond, auctioneer, and Adelaide representative of J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne.

Stuart Sinclair, lift attendant of Paringa Building, Hindley-street, said that about 8.45 a.m. on April 2 he saw a small flame in an auction mart at 9, Hindley-street. Within a minute it burst into a big flame, accompanied by dense smoke. In reply to Mr. Gillespie, the witness said he did not notice whether the goods in the auction mart were arranged in an orderly fashion. Cross-examined by Mr. Newman, the witness said he could not see what was burning.

Frederick James Hill, motor body builder, of Fourth-street, Bowden, said at 8.50 a.m. on April 2, while standing at the corner of King William and Hindley street, he saw a lot of smoke issuing from the auction mart in Hindley-street. He rang the fire alarm. In answer to questions by Mr. Newman, the witness said the constable told him the time after he had gone to the alarm. It would be from three to five minutes after he first saw the smoke.

Gilbert Lawrence Goldfinch, employed by the Adelaide Sports Depot said the shop in which he worked adjoined the auction mart, and about six feet of the basement went under the mart. When he went to the basement on the morning in question he smelt something like methylated spirits, but he was not sure of it. About half an hour later he heard cries of "fire."
Mr. Gillespie — Was any methylated spirits kept in your cellar on April 2 — No.

Victor Charles Cox, sporting goods repairer, employed at the Adelaide Sports Depot, said as he passed the auction mart a couple of minutes to 8 on April 2 he saw Raymond stop at the gates of the mart, put an attache case at his feet, appear to take the keys from his pocket, and prepare to unlock the gate. About half an hour later a fire broke out. An assistant told him that the auction mart was on fire, and nothing could be done, as the place was locked up. The witness replied that that could not be so, as he saw somebody unlock the place. He heard three or four light explosions, which he attributed to electric light globes. When some burnt framework was produced the witness said it would be about the size of the attache case. Cross-examined by Mr. Newman, he said he did not see a key in Raymond's hand. On the morning of April 2, the premises of the mart and the stock appeared to be the same as usual. Attache cases might have been included among the stock. Mr. Roberts— Where do you work in the Adelaide Sports Depot?—At the rear of the auction mart. Did you smell anything like methylated spirits or kerosine on April, 22— No.

Austin Henry Stapleton, indent agent, of Irish Harp-road, Enfield, said he had business dealings with Raymond for about 18 months, and until Easter, Raymond had been a cash buyer for the past six months, and had purchased up to his average a couple of months before Easter. At 8.40 a.m. on April 2 the witness met Raymond in Hindley-street and walked along with him. Raymond said a case in which he was concerned was coming on and he had to get his books. Raymond had a square parcel wrapped in brown paper. Mr. Newman— Might there have been £1,000 worth of stock in the mart?— I could not say. It was about the same as usual?— Yes. — Mr. Roberts— You had some trouble to get money from Raymond in the past? — Yes. That is why you stopped his credit? —Yes. The Coroner— What amount of goods did you supply to Raymond the week preceding April 2?— About £70 worth. Mr. Newman— Was that about the average?— Yes. You were dealing with J. Rosenthal of Melbourne, as principal? — Yes. The Coroner— Under what name has Raymond been dealing with you?— Rosenthal. You believed him to be manager for Rosenthal?— Yes.

Mrs. Helena Gertrude Robertson, of Hilton, said she was in Raymond's employ at the mart on March 28, but not subsequently. There was a number of empty boxes on the shelves for show purposes. She had no idea of the amount of stock that was carried. It included attache cases. She was not sure whether there were any there on the day she left. She did not remember seeing any small attache cases in the mart a month before Easter. Raymond did not carry a bag for business purposes. There were four kerosine tins filled with stove polish. Mr. Gillespie — When you left was there any sheeting torn into long strips?— Not that I remember. Pieces of calico were used for dusters.

Jack Mansfield Brumby, accountant and secretary, of Ezywalkin, Port Adelaide, stated that he represented Walter David Cooks, of Heidelberg, Victoria, lessor of the property, which was sublet a number of times.

Harry Ernest Graham, laborer, Chapel-street, Norwood, said he had been in the employ of Mr. Raymond for eight or nine months, and at the Hindley-street auction mart about three months. He was a floorman, and showed round the articles being auctioned. He gave his idea of the value of the stock on March 28, when he last saw it, at between £800 and £900. The goods included sheets, silk goods, cutlery, fancy goods, and similar articles. He had met Mr.

Rosenthal. When the premises were first opened at 9, Hindley-street, the stock he estimated was worth from £1,000 to £1.500.

Thomas Mason, fireman, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, gave evidence regarding the fire. Wire gates in the front of the premises were locked, and he smashed the lock with an axe The enquiry was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 18 April 1929, page 19

HINDLEY STREET FIRE

"Highly Inflammable Fluids"

ENQUIRY RESUMED

Mr. C. L. Mathews (Acting City Coroner), who is conducting an enquiry into the circumstances of the fire which occurred at an auction mart, No. 9 Hindley street, Adelaide, on Tuesday morning, April 2, heard further evidence this morning at the Coroner's Court, Flinders street. Mr. R. F. Newman appeared for Mr. W. Raymond (Adelaide representative of Mr. J. Rosenthal), Mr. B. Roberts for the Australian General Federal Insurance Company, and Mr. C. Gillespie, of the Crown Law Office, for the Commissioner of Police.

George Patrick Cooper, deputy-chief officer of South Australian Fire Brigade, deposed that after the fire had been extinguished he examined the premises to ascertain the probable cause of the outbreak. Under the rostrum in the mart he found a small tin containing black stain, a piece of rag that had been scorched, and the head portion of a celluloid doll. There was another tin nearby with a lot of burned shavings in it.

Kerosene Tins Found.

There were three kerosene tins there, said witness. One had been opened and had a rag stopper. Two of the tins were on a shelf against the eastern wall. There were also small tins containing stain in various parts of the mart. Several were on the shelves at the rear, and others were on the floor in front of the rostrum. Witness also found some scorched cardboard boxes, which were empty. To the Acting Coroner—If there had been sheeting, towels, and blankets on the premises immediately before the fire he would have found traces of them. He did not find any trace of such materials. Witness, continuing, said that the smell reminded him of a mixture of kerosine, methylated spirit, and naphtha. He had certain fluids tested at the fire station, and found them to be highly inflammable.

Profit of 40 to 60 Per Cent.

James Henry Whitehead, agent, of King William street, deposed that he had a lease of No. 9 Hindley street, and sublet it to Raymond. In reply to Mr. Newman he said that the average gross profit of an auctioneer would be between 40 and 60 per cent.

Claude Richard Beresford, journalist, of North terrace, deposed that Raymond had informed him that the stock, which he said consisted of cutlery, draper, electroplated, and other goods, was worth a little more than £1,000. Raymond also told witness that the business belonged to J. Rosenthal, of Melbourne.

Francis I. Swann, accountant, also manufacturer of stove polish, of Merriton street, Grovone (near Glenelg), stated that he had delivered polish to Raymond, the last delivery being four tins. Witness also kept a set of books for Raymond, in whose name most of the receipts were made out. Witness had no interest in the business. At the request of Mr. Newman he had prepared a summary which showed that witness had estimated the value of the stock on March 23 at £639 5/2, but Raymond considered that it should be higher. The hearing is proceeding.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 19 April 1929, page 15

TWO CITY FIRES.

OUTBREAKS IN FLINDERS-STREET.

At 10.16 o'clock last night the Fire Brigade was signalled by the Grinnell automatic sprinkler installation that a fire had broken out in the factory of the S.A. Brush Company, in Flinders-street, Adelaide. On arrival the brigade found that the heat of the fire in the boiler-room had set alight some packing cases and bags of sawdust. The heat caused the sprinklers to operate. The brigade extinguished the blaze. Shortly afterwards a second call was received from Flinders-street. The front portion of the premises of Messrs. Foulds & Dixon, manufacturing tailors, on the first floor of a building east of Gawler-place, was alight. Considerable damage was done to the material in the cutting room. The flames were prevented from spreading to the adjoining premises.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 20 April 1929, page 7

Inquest Deemed Unnecessary

Dr. Ramsay Smith (City Coroner) has decided that an inquest is unnecessary into the circumstances of the fire which occurred in the engine room at the premises of the South Australian Brush Company on Thursday night. When the fire brigade arrived automatic sprinklers had put out the fire. Plainclothes Constable E. J. Davis prepared the report for the Coroner.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 20 April 1929, page 5

Fire in Beehive Buildings

Three fire engines were sent by Adelaide Fire Brigade in response to a call shortly after 9 o'clock this evening from Inspector Trotter, who had discovered smoke issuing from a shop on the ground floor of Beehive Buildings. The brigade found alight the premises occupied by Lucy Secor, women's frock specialist. The brigade quickly extinguished the flames. Damage was done to stock and fittings. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 23 April 1929, page 9

FIRE BRIGADE SOCIALS

On account of the death of Mr. A. Stanley Mills, a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, it has been decided to discontinue for two weeks the social evenings held on Wednesdays at Head Fire Station, Wakefield street, Adelaide.

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A FIREMAN'S DEATH.

Fireman H. S. Mills (26), of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, died on Monday. He recently had an attack of influenza. Dr. L. J. Pellew, who was called in, found Mr. Mills dead when he arrived about noon. In his opinion death was due to heart failure following an attack of influenza.

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DEATH OF FIREMAN

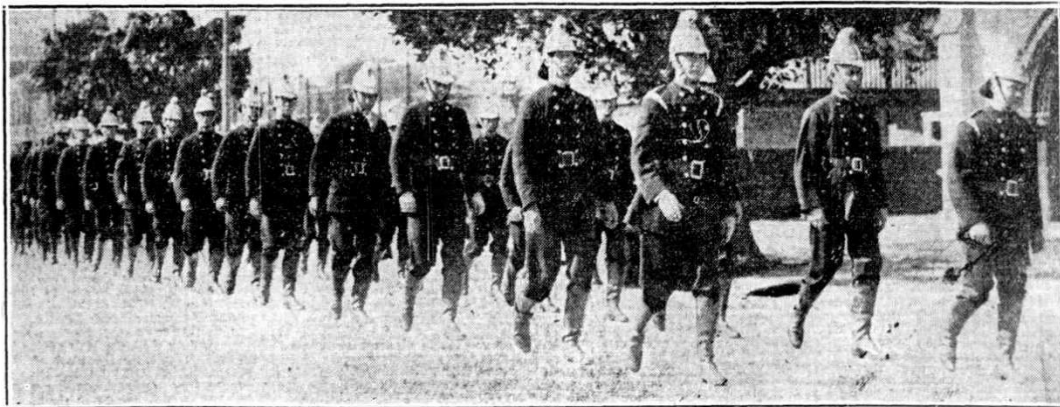
The death of Mr. Henry Stanley Mills (aged 26 years), fireman, of Adelaide Fire Brigade Station, who collapsed in his room yesterday, was probably due to heart failure. Plainclothes Constable E. J. Davis prepared a report for Dr. Ramsay Smith (City Coroner), who deemed an inquest unnecessary.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 24 April 1929, page 14

FIREMEN MOURN

Burial of Colleague

More than 40 firemen, from headquarters at Adelaide and suburban stations, took part in an impressive ceremony at the burial today at Brighton Cemetery, of Mr. Henry Stanley Mills (aged 26 years) of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, who collapsed and died in his room on Monday. The cortege, which left Adelaide fire headquarters at 11 o'clock this morning, was headed by more than 30 members of the Adelaide and suburban brigades, who marched in full uniform. Following the firemen was one of the station fire engines. Pallbearers, who were former colleagues of the dead man, marched alongside the hearse. The cortege moved off, followed by numerous cars conveying relatives and other mourners. Among those who followed were Messrs. E. Frinsdorf (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board) and other members of the board; J. E. Dickie (chief officer), C. H. Butler (district officer at Port Adelaide), T. Whitehair (station officer at Port Adelaide), and A. M. Griffen, T. H. Sayers, and F. Giles (station officers at Adelaide). Among the many wreaths were those from the Fire Brigades Board, officers and men at the head station, Port Adelaide, and other suburban stations, and the Australian Government Workers' Association. The firemen marched to South terrace, and those who were not on leave returned to their quarters. Six firemen remained on duty at the head station under Deputy Chief Officer G. P. Cooper. Arrangements were made to recall the other men in case of emergency.



CITY AND SUBURBAN FIREMEN PAY LAST TRIBUTE TODAY TO DEAD COMRADE
More than 40 attended the burial at Brighton Cemetery of Mr. H. S Mills, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, who died in his room on Monday. The firemen were photographed leaving the head station in Wakefield street.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Thursday 25 April 1929, page 11

AUTOMATIC ALARM

Sprinklers Call Fire Brigade

ATTENTION was drawn last week in the news columns to the fact that at the Brush Company's fire in Flinders street the automatic sprinklers flooded the outbreak and put out the fire before the Fire Brigade arrived; and that the brigade turned out in response to an alarm automatically turned on by the sprinklers as they started work. This automatic direct fire alarm from sprinkler system to fire brigade is the latest development in fire preventive measures, and is unique to Australia, says Mr. E. P. Newman, manager, in Adelaide for Wormald Bros., who handle Grinnell sprinklers. This company, working with the fire brigade, maintained its own alarm installation at the brigade headquarters. A fire starting even in a remote corner of a sprinklered building at dead of night, is not only immediately tackled by its greatest enemy, water, but is also notified immediately to the brigade, which turns out to minimize the water damage and to make certain that the outbreak does not get beyond control of the sprinklers. Water Damage Only Mr. Newman said that never yet had life been lost in a sprinklered fire,

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Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 4 May 1929, page 52

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Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Tuesday 14 May 1929, page 8

WIRELESS IN FIRE STATIONS

Of No Advantage, Says Adelaide Deputy Chief

The report from Melbourne, that the installation of wireless loud speakers in the City Fire Brigade enabled the man on the look-out tower to rouse the men to a fire with a saving of two or three minutes in the turn-out, has interested officers of the Adelaide Fire Brigade. The Deputy Chief Officer (Mr. Cooper) said that stationing a man on the watch-tower was considered obsolete nowadays, and few fire brigades practised it. The reason was that he would not be able to see a fire until it had penetrated the top of a building, and it was extremely rare not to have an outbreak reported before it reached that stage. Loud speakers, in Mr. Cooper's opinion, were of no advantage in a fire station, and would not save any time. In the Adelaide station, in which the equipment was modelled on that of the best brigades in the world, there were bells in every room, and they sounded as soon as the telephone bell rang in the office. It was the experience of the brigade, he said, that the men got away from

the station within a minute of the alarm, and it would be almost impossible to improve on that time.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 21 May 1929, page 16

FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES

The general meeting of the fire brigade section of the A.G.W.A. was held on Sunday morning, when Mr. A. McCallum presided over a large attendance. Negotiations with the board respecting longer leave were considered. Owing to the economic conditions prevailing, the matter was allowed to remain in abeyance, with the distinct understanding that it would be revived at a later date. The secretary (Mr. F. K. Nieass) submitted a report regarding the volunteer fire brigades, intimating that the Trades and Labor Council had almost unanimously agreed to oppose the volunteer system, which would throw the responsibility on individual unionists, either to maintain organised labor's policy or to act in direct opposition to the Trades and Labor Council's decision.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 21 May 1929, page 1

PAINT WORKS BURNED

Disastrous Fire at Torrensville

PETROL TANKS SAVED BY BRIGADES

Damage estimated at several thousand pounds was caused this morning by a fire on the premises of the Premier Varnish and Paint Company at the corner of Bellingham street and Ashwin parade, Torrensville. Dense black clouds of smoke, which could be seen for several miles, attracted a large crowd of spectators. Drums and tins of varnish, turpentine, and other inflammable oils used in the manufacture of paint exploded.

Frequently there were sounds of muffled explosions as the flames, forced by a westerly wind toward Bellingham street, travelled from one lot of inflammable material to another. The fire was first noticed about 9.15 o'clock by two brothers, Messrs. R. and E. Wright, who were employed on the premises. They went on to the verandah when they saw a small blaze. Immediately they secured two fire extinguishers and played the contents of these on the flames, but were unsuccessful in subduing them. They leaped from the verandah into the packing shed adjoining, and in a few seconds the place was well alight. This was attributed to fumes of turpentine and varnish being highly inflammable having ignited. Noticing that the fire had got beyond his control, Mr. R. Wright telephoned for Thebarton Fire Brigade, which was on the spot within two minutes. Six lines of hose were run out, and this was augmented by a supply pumped by a fire engine from the swimming baths of Adelaide Chemical and Fertiliser, Limited, whose premises were nearby. Two pumps were also sent from headquarters, and they greatly assisted the work of subduing the flames.

PETROL TANKS SAVED

One of the outstanding features was the excellent work of the firemen who in the face of grave danger saved two large tanks containing petrol which were in the heart of the fire. In Bellingham street, facing the scene of the outbreak, are several pairs of attached houses. The inmates were at first alarmed, because the wind was blowing the smoke into their homes. Their fears were allayed by the presence of the brigade. Another wood and iron structure containing machinery for the manufacture of ink, as well as inflammable material in close proximity, was saved by the firemen. The portion of the premises destroyed included the packing shed, storehouse, varnish room, grinding and churning mills, built of wood and iron, under the one roof. Charred wood, twisted tins and iron, a ruined bicycle owned by one of the employes, and the remains of some machinery with the exception of the petrol tanks, were all that remained of the building affected. Nearby were the large coppers used for the manufacture of the varnish, also two other store sheds. These were not touched by the fire.

SERIOUS LOSSES

The most serious loss occurred in the machinery department. There the grinding mills, electric motors, churns, and other machinery used for the manufacture of paint were destroyed. The office, which was situated in the front portion of the building facing Bellingham street, was also gutted. An electric light pole in Bellingham street caught alight, and the flames had to be extinguished by firemen. As there was a danger from falling live wires, employes of the Adelaide Electric Supply Company, Limited, ascended the pole on the other side of the street, and cut the wires. The proprietors of the Premier Varnish and Paint Company are Messrs. A. H. H. Buring and A. W. Abbott. Four employes were engaged at the works. Constable Simpson had a busy task keeping the spectators from encroaching too close to the blaze.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 28 May 1929, page 15

FIRE IN RUNDLE-STREET

About 2.45 p.m. on Monday, a spirit stove which was being used to melt glue in a workshop in the basement of Cawthorne's music warehouse, Rundle-street, was upset, and the ensuing blaze of methylated spirits might easily have become a serious outbreak, but for the prompt action of members of the firm. They smothered the flames before they caught hold of the inflammable stock nearby. The alarm was given to the Fire Brigade, and two appliances were sent round, but they were not needed. Mr. G. Cawthorne, who attempted to smother the flames with his coat, got the burning spirit on his hands and clothes, but he escaped serious injury.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Tuesday 28 May 1929, page 25

FIRE IN MUSIC SHOP

Mr. Cawthorne's Narrow Escape

A fire broke out in the basement of Cawthorne's Ltd., Rundle street, yesterday afternoon through a spirit stove being upset. Mr. G. Cawthorne ran downstairs and while he was trying to stop the flames from spreading, had his coat and hands burned. His clothing caught alight, but an employe wrapped a rug around him and he escaped serious injury. The fire was kept in check by other employes until the Brigade arrived, and put out the flames with chemical extinguishers. Two musical instruments were destroyed and a workbench was damaged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 29 May 1929, page 18

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court were continued on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Angas Parsons and jurors. The Crown Prosecutor (Mr. R. R. Chamberlain) appeared for the Crown.

A Charge of Arson Said Najar (20), storekeeper, of Adelaide, was charged with having, at Adelaide, on or about January 20, 1929, feloniously and maliciously set fire to a shop at the corner of Hanson and Wakefield streets, city, with intent to defraud. Mr. H. Solomon, with Mr. W. A. Rollison, appeared for the accused, who pleaded not guilty. Mr. Chamberlain, in opening the case for the Crown, said Najar was the occupier, as lessee, of premises at the corner of Hanson and Wakefield streets on the day in question, and used them as a grocery store and dwelling. About 2.45 a.m. on the morning of January 21 a fire alarm was given and the brigade rushed to the shop. It was found to be locked and well alight. An entrance was forced by the firemen and the blaze extinguished. Evidence would be given by an officer of the brigade which would tend to show that the fire had been deliberately caused. He would say that in the main shop he noticed a strong smell of kerosine, and that the floor behind the counter was soaked with an oily substance. On the floor was found a candle in a cone of paper, with a trail of paper leading behind the counter. A wheat bag soaked in kerosine was also found. Near the candle was an uncorked bottle containing methylated spirits. There were

also other uncorked methylated spirit bottles in the shop. Evidence would also be given that the stock of the accused was over-insured, and that he was in financial difficulties. The contents of the shop, stock, and furniture were insured for £1,700. A meeting of creditors of the accused had been called for January 21. The hearing was adjourned.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 31 May 1929, page 1

BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Mr. J. Earl, who collapsed and died yesterday, had been connected with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for 12 years, having joined in January, 1917. He was known as a theatrical fireman, his duties taking him to picture shows each evening. Deceased, who lived at Chicago, will be buried at West Terrace Cemetery tomorrow morning. His firemen comrades will meet at the cemetery gates at 11 o'clock .

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 1 June 1929, page 4

Burial of Fireman

Mr. Joseph Earl (aged 55 years), of Kintore avenue, Chicago, who died suddenly on Thursday, was a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. He was on duty at a picture theatre in Rundle street, when he collapsed. He died three-quarters of an hour later. His remains were buried in West Terrace Cemetery this morning. Permanent firemen from the head and suburban stations attended. Mr. F. K. Nieass, secretary of the Australian Government Workers' Association, of which Mr. Earl was a member, represented that body. Mr. Earl was married.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 3 June 1929, page 11

FIRE IN LOFT

At 12.41 o'clock this afternoon Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to the factory of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Gunson street, off Wakefield street, Adelaide. Fire had broken out at the rear of the factory in a loft, which was used to store wood. It contained about five tons. Sight damage was done before the flames were extinguished.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 5 June 1929, page 12

FIRE IN BULK STORE

While patrolling Burnett-street off Currie-street, about 1 a.m. to-day, Constable Fear noticed smoke issuing from the bulk store of Messrs. Unbehaun and Johnstone, electrical engineers. The officer summoned the fire brigade, and on arrival the firemen found stock and a number of packing cases smouldering. The fire was quickly extinguished before any damage was done to the premises, which is a wood and iron structure.

Recorder (Port Pirie, SA : 1919 - 1954), Monday 24 June 1929, page 2

FIRE IN ADELAIDE.

Wine Storeroom Damaged.

GOOD FIGHT BY BRIGADE.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

A two-story building used as a storeroom by A. E. and F. Tolley, Ltd., wine and spirit merchants, of Waymouth street, Adelaide, was seriously damaged by fire early this morning. The building contained a number of cases and casks on the upper floor, and two motor cars and a motor lorry on the ground floor.

The fire brigade was quickly on the scene, and within an hour the conflagration was under control. It was necessary for the firemen to rip pieces of iron from the roof to reach the seat of the fire, and special efforts were made to prevent the flames from reaching the petrol pump on the ground floor. This contained 170 gallons of petrol.

Parts of the floor of the storeroom collapsed, and the roof at the western end of the structure fell in. A number of cases containing bottles fell to the ground with a loud explosion. The motor vehicles were removed from the building undamaged. Had the fire reached the company's bond store, the damage would have run to thousands of pounds.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 24 June 1929, page 12

EARLY MORNING BLAZE

CITY STOREROOM DAMAGED

But for the good work of the Fire Brigade early on Sunday morning a fire, which broke out in a storeroom at the rear of the offices and bondstore of A. E. & F. Tolley, Ltd., wine and spirit merchants, of Waymouth-street, Adelaide, would probably have assumed serious dimensions.

It was first noticed at 2.25 o'clock by Constables H. Thorpe and W. A. Jukes, who were on duty in Waymouth-street. The officers went to the entrance of the premises, and Constables Thorpe climbed a high gate. He saw smoke coming through the roof of the storeroom, which is a two-storey wood and iron structure. Constable Jukes immediately informed the fire brigade, and in less than a minute three motor appliances, under Chief Officer J. E. Dickie, and Station Officers Griffin and Sayers, were on the road. When the firemen arrived they found that the storeroom was well alight, and the flames were shooting 60 feet into the air. Three lines of hose were run out from Waymouth-street hydrants, and were soon playing on the flames.

The storeroom, which is 150 feet long and 40 feet wide, and about 40 feet high, contained a number of cases and casks, and two motor cars, and a motor lorry were on the ground floor. The firemen managed to confine the flames to the first floor. To enable them to reach the seat of the fire, they had to rip pieces of iron from the roof. Other firemen were stationed on the ground floor to prevent the flames reaching the motor vehicles and the bondstore, which adjoined the storeroom. On the northern side of the burning building is the livery stable of Mr. W. Adams, from which the horses and motor vehicles were removed, but the flames did not reach the building. Special attention was paid by the firemen to a petrol pump on the ground floor of the storeroom, which contained about 170 gallons of motor spirit. Within an hour the fire brigade had the flames under control, and at 5 o'clock two fire appliances returned to headquarters, and a relief crew took charge. For several hours afterwards the firemen were busy extinguishing minor outbreaks from smouldering debris. Parts of the floor of the storeroom collapsed, and the roof also fell in at the western side of the structure.

Several firemen had narrow escapes from receiving serious injury when a portion of the first floor collapsed. A number of cases containing a quantity of empty bottles also fell to the ground. There was a loud explosion when they dropped, and broken glass flew in all directions. In spite of the early hour a large crowd gathered, but a heavy shower of rain caused it to disperse, consequently the police, who were in charge of Inspector H. Trotter, and Sergeants Naylor and Daly, had a comparatively easy task.

Premises Insured

Mr. E. Tolley, a director of A. E. and F. Tolley. Ltd, told a representative of "The Advertiser" that the storeroom was insured by the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., but he could not say for what amount. He said he was pleased with the work of the firemen, because if the fire had reached the bondstores, many thousands of pounds worth of damage would have resulted. He could not give any reason for the cause of the outbreak. The last man on the

premises locked up shortly before noon on Saturday. The motor vehicles on the ground floor of the storeroom were the property of the firm. They were not damaged by fire. The firm owned the block on which the storeroom, bond-store, and offices are erected, and also the premises occupied by Vrai, Ltd., next door. They were also insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 10 August 1929, page 16

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

FUSE BOX ON FIRE

A fuse box in a lane adjoining the premises of Messrs. Ellis & Clarke, electrical engineers, of Franklin-street, caught fire on Friday morning. The brigade was called, but the blaze was out on their arrival.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 10 August 1929, page 1

ADELAIDE EXPANDS ITS CHARITY CHEST TODAY

GRAND COMMUNITY EFFORT CITIZENS LEND PRACTICAL HELP TO NEEDY

Memorable Gathering at Adelaide Oval

Nearly all sections of industry were well represented, including the petrol distributors, who vied with each other in the impressiveness of their displays. Even the Metropolitan Fire Brigade added its gorgeous scarlet and gold to the procession, and turned its shining helmet into a collecting tin.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 13 September 1929, page 21

FIRE IN CITY

BEDDING FACTORY DAMAGED

A fire broke out in the premises of Messrs. R. B. Day & Sons, upholsterers and bedding manufacturers, in Field-street, off Gouger-street, city, shortly after 11 o'clock last night. Through the prompt action of the fire brigade the blaze was prevented from assuming serious proportions.

The fire appeared to have originated in some galvanized iron sheds at the rear of the main building. These were well alight when the brigade arrived, and the flames were mounting several feet over the roof. The material inside the sheds, consisting of upholstery and bedding requisites, was highly inflammable, and in addition to the damage caused by fire, it was considerably affected by the water from the hoses. The heat from the fire at the rear afterwards caused an outbreak in the main premises, but this was quickly subdued. When Mr. Day arrived to inspect the premises an hour later it was found that the cashbox had been taken from the office. A quantity of stamps, the only contents, had been stolen. Marks were found by the police on the doors, which suggest they were forced open.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 30 September 1929, page 1

FIREWORKS DESTROYED

Spectacular Blaze in Hindley Street

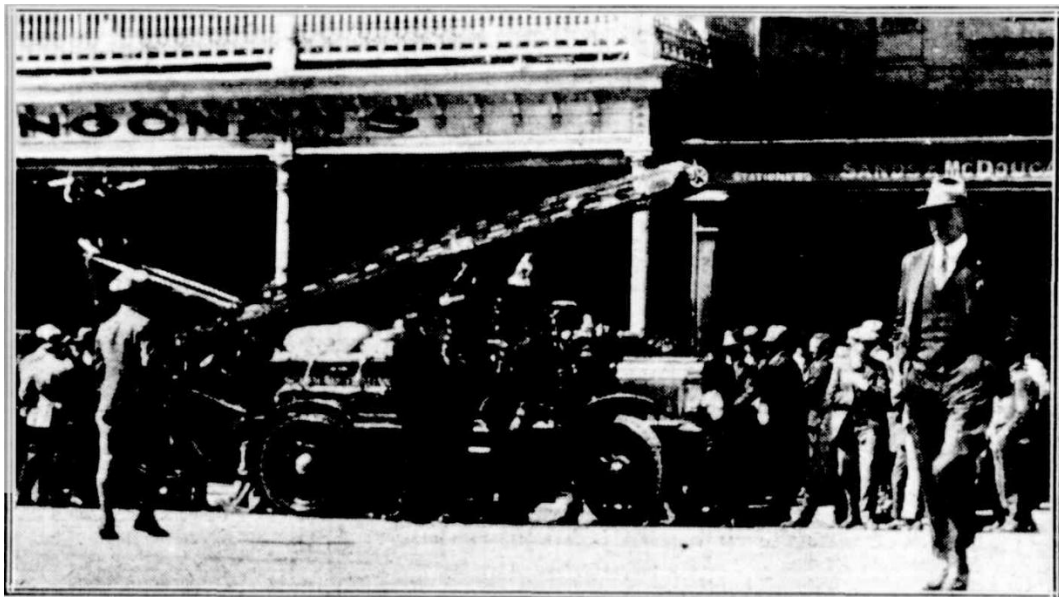
ADJOINING SHOPS SUSTAIN DAMAGE

To the accompaniment of exploding crackers a fire destroyed most of the stock of fireworks on the premises of Mr. Doy Lee, 185 Hindley street, Adelaide, at 11.45 o'clock this morning. The flames were extinguished about half an hour later. It was found that the inside of the building had been severely damaged, and that the exterior of adjoining premises had been charred.

It was reported that Mrs. Doy Lee dropped a box of phosphorus on some crackers, and the resulting explosion broke the glass in the front windows. She was not injured. The fire spread rapidly inside the shop, which is part of a row of two-story buildings. The noise of exploding fireworks quickly attracted a crowd. The fire brigade arrived promptly and prevented the whole of the stock from being destroyed. Dense smoke made the work of the firemen difficult, but they entered the burning shop in spite of the danger of a large quantity of powder exploding. They had frequently to jump aside as a heap of fireworks exploded and fragments travelled toward them. That also made spectators keep on the opposite side of the street. Traffic was suspended in Hindley street from Morphett street to about 200 yards west.

In the dwelling portions of the adjoining shops efforts were made to prevent destruction of furniture and drapings. Curtains and blinds were taken from windows and placed in safety, and a beginning was made with the transfer of furniture to the open air. The precautions were unnecessary. At 12.20 p.m. the flames were extinguished. It was then found that most of the stock of Mr. Doy Lee had been destroyed and that the interior fittings had been severely damaged. The shops on either side, tenanted by Nardini & Co., sculptors, and Mr. B. Brazzole, hairdresser, suffered broken windows and charred woodwork. Their stock was damaged by smoke. No damage was done to the upper story of the row of shops. A grocery store at the corner of Hindley and Morphett streets, kept by Mr. W. Slarks, had to be closed for a time to lessen the draught through the burning shops. When it was reopened dense smoke prevented entry for some time.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Wednesday 9 October 1929, page 14



CHIMNEY CATCHES ALIGHT: A crowd collected outside the Southern Cross Hotel yesterday, when the Fire Brigade dashed up to extinguish a fire in one of the chimneys.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 11 October 1929, page 27

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

EARLY MORNING FIRE

A fire broke out in the premises of Henderson, Watt & Co., manufacturers agents, off Gawler-place, shortly before 3 a.m. Thursday. The brigade found on arrival that the flames had a good hold of the contents of the building, which included softgoods and linoleums. The fire was extinguished within half an hour. The contents had been severely damaged, but the building was only slightly affected.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 14 October 1929, page 17

FIRE STATION INSPECTION.

The chairman of the Fire Brigades' Board (Mr. E. Frinsdorf), Chief Officer, Mr. J. E. Dickie, the members of the board, and the secretary (Mr. R. B. Beeton) have completed the half-yearly inspection of the following fire stations under the board's jurisdiction. Manned by Permanent Staff—Adelaide, North Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Semaphore, Birkenhead (fire float), Port Pirie, Gawler, Glenelg, Norwood, Unley, Thebarton, and Prospect. Manned by Auxiliary Staff —Port Augusta, Kapunda, Moonta, Kadina, Wallaroo, Tanunda, Balaklava, Burra, Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge. Renmark, Berri, and Port Lincoln. The whole of the stations were found to be in good order, and the men in every case showed efficiency and interest in their duties. The water pressure in the towns visited was satisfactory. New motor hose carriages have recently been installed at the Port Lincoln, Port Augusta, Wallaroo, Port Pirie, Port Adelaide, and head stations.

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BIG CITY BLAZE

Bag Factory Guttled

REGENT THEATRE THREATENED

About 1 o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in a three-storey building, off Grenfell-street, and within a few minutes, the whole building was aflame. One of the most valuable of the city blocks was threatened with destruction. The building where the fire originated embraced the premises of Messrs. A. J. Swain & Co., H. R. James, & Co., and Kenchington & Truscott, motor engineers. It is between the eastern end of the premises of Harris, Scarfe, Limited, and the Queen's Hall. The fire was first noticed when sparks began to rise above the roof. The brigade was summoned, and on their arrival the interior of the large structure was an inferno.

Network of Hoses

Four or five appliances were soon on the scene, and there was a network of hoses over Grenfell and Rundle streets in front of the Regent Theatre, which was seriously threatened by the drifting cloud of sparks. Firemen attacked the flames from three points, but appeared to be making no headway as the flames rose higher. Fortunately, the water pressure was good, and by raising ladders at the rear of the premises, a constant stream was played on the blaze. The top portion of the building comprised a paper bag factory, and the contents of this provided good material for the flames. In addition to the danger to the Regent Theatre, the premises of Crooks and Brooker, Limited, and Harris, Scarfe, Limited, were at one stage also threatened. Only a wall separated the burning building from the Queen's Hall and the firemen played streams of water on this to prevent the wood-work catching fire from the heat.

Floors Collapse

The interior of the building where the fire originated was a blazing mass, and about fifteen minutes after the brigade arrived the first and second floors collapsed, depositing a heap of burning wreckage on the floor. The brigade prevented the flames from spreading to the surrounding buildings, and at the time this edition went to press appeared to have the fire under control.

Recorder (Port Pirie, SA : 1919 - 1954), Tuesday 5 November 1929, page 1

DISASTROUS FIRE.

In Grenfell Street.

HUNDRED OUT OF WORK.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Damage to the extent of several thousands of pounds resulted to stock and property from a fire which broke out in the premises in Grenfell street, Adelaide, at about 1 o'clock this morning, of A. J. Swain and Company, leather goods manufacturers. Several firms were affected, but Mr. Swain suffered most. The proprietor stated that 100 persons employed by him would be thrown out of work for some time. Damage caused to the other premises is estimated at £2500, but that suffered by Mr. Swain is set at a much larger figure.

Several brigades assisted in getting the fire under control, and men from the Adelaide Fire Station remained on duty until late this morning, when portions of the building were still smouldering.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Thursday 7 November 1929, page 2

Injured Mother, Victim Of Keswick Train Accident, Dies

HER LAST WISH

Girl Of 19 Now Sole Support Of Orphans

WANTS "LITTLE HOME" FOR FAMILY

MRS. Rose O'Neil, 49, of Marion, who lost both legs in a train accident at Keswick last week, died in the Adelaide Hospital yesterday. The five orphans whose plight has prompted a wide response from South Australian people to appeals for funds, are left with the eldest of their number, Rose, who is 19, as their sole support. Rose was with her mother when she died, and although naturally upset, realised that it was a happy release. It was a hopeless case, and the young girl, who now has to mother her three brothers and sister, has borne the strain with great courage.

MOTHER'S LAST WISH

Father Robertson, of Brighton, who took Miss O'Neil to the hospital yesterday, said the mother had expressed the wish that her two little boys should be sent to the Goodwood Orphanage. That is being arranged, and Miss O'Neil will be busy getting them ready for the orphan-age. The funeral will take place at Brighton tomorrow. Father Robertson will officiate. Miss O'Neil spent last night at the Convent of Mercy, Angas street, with her sister Lucy.

WANTS A LITTLE HOME

Miss O'Neil is very thankful for the funds which are being raised for the family. "I would like to get a little home together with the money which people have so kindly given," she said. Neighbours have been looking after the three boys and giving them meals. Miss O'Neil has been constantly at the hospital. Father Robertson said he, also, wished to thank everyone for their wonderful help. "The funds are all the money they will have," he said. "The cottage at Marion was rented. Rose says she would like to live somewhere in the district which has been so kind to her, but this will depend upon the amount of money collected.

FIRE BRIGADE TO HELP

At the final social of the Fire Brigade staff last night, Senior Station Officer Griffin announced that the Fire Brigade would give a display in a fortnight's time in aid of the O'Neil Fund. There would be gymnastics, wrestling, boxing, and an inspection of modern fire-fighting appliances, ending in a general turn-out of the brigade. A silver coin collection would be taken for admission. Several other offers to help have been made. The Austral Philharmonic Society will give a concert, arranged by Mr. A. von der Borch and Mr. O. Summerton, at the Australia, Angas street, on Friday, November 15. Ratepayers of Marion have organised an appeal throughout the district, and a concert is being arranged in the district hall by Mr. J. C. Threadgold. Miss Reva Parham will give the proceeds of her students' break-up concert. The Register will be pleased to receive donations for the young family.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 18 November 1929, page 18

EARLY MORNING FIRE
SECONDHAND STORE DAMAGED

The Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to King William-street south shortly after midnight, when a fire broke out in the secondhand furniture store of Messrs. M. Morris & Son. When they arrived clouds of smoke were issuing from the building, but the fire was comparatively small and was got under control within a few minutes.

When the firemen broke into the shop they found a fox terrier puppy half overcome by the smoke and fumes, but when brought into the open it soon recovered. The owner of the shop stated that the damage was not extensive as far as he could tell without making an examination of the stock.

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TRYING TO LOOK HAPPY after a night of thrilling experiences, Spot, the fox terrier puppy owned by Mr. M. M. Morris, of King William street, overcome by smoke during a fire, was rescued by the fire brigade, and had to be knocked on the head to prevent him from running back into the fire.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 22 November 1929, page 18

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Protection Against Fire

With the co-operation of the Adelaide Fire Brigades Board the staff of the Children's Hospital, North Adelaide, received instruction on Wednesday afternoon in fire-fighting and life-saving drill. A demonstration was conducted by Station Officer J. Koskee, assisted by Senior Fireman W. F. Goreham, of the Adelaide Fire Station. The display was the second which has been given at the Hospital, and it is the intention of the Hospital Board, with the assistance of the Fire Brigades Board, to have similar displays conducted at quarterly intervals, to bring the staff to a higher grade of protective efficiency and confidence in case of fire.

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NURSES ENGAGED IN FIRE DRILL

Members of the staff of the Children's Hospital were instructed in fire fighting and life-saving drill yesterday afternoon by officers of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. (1) Running out the hose. (2) A demonstration of the fireman's lift, which is employed in saving life. Krischock photos

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 28 November 1929, page 17

O'NEIL FUND.

FIRE BRIGADE DISPLAY

To assist the fund for the O'Neil family the Metropolitan Fire Brigade gave a display at the central station last night. The yard in which the display took place was packed, and hundreds of people had to be turned away. To accommodate these the demonstration will be repeated again to-night. The display, which was under the supervision of the Chief Officer (Mr. J. B. Dickie), comprised the general work of the brigade. It is expected that over £25 will result from last night's demonstration.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 28 November 1929, page 1

FIRE IN RUNDLE STREET

SMART WORK BY BRIGADE

Smart work was done by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, following a call received at 1.59 o'clock this morning. Three appliances were quickly on the scene of the outbreak, which was on the premises of Silks Limited, Rundle street. A packing room at the rear of the building was well alight on the arrival of the firemen, but they had the blaze under control in five minutes. This prevented what might have been a serious conflagration, as a large quantity of silk was in the shop. A case of the silk in the packing room was destroyed. A thick wooden door separating this portion from the shop was charred, as was the roof of the packing room. In the rear section of the shop more than 100 rolls of silk sustained damage through water.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 7 December 1929, page 1

FIREMEN IN DANGER

£12,000 Damage at Furniture Factory

Small's Torrensvile Works Destroyed

Damage estimated at £12,000 was done when a fire gutted Small's Limited, furniture manufacturing establishment, at the corner of Meyer and Hutchinson streets, Torrensvile, early this afternoon. The building and contents were insured for £10,000. For about half an

hour firemen fought desperately to save the home of Mr. J. Chant, which abuts on the premises in Hutchinson street. Little damage was done to the house apart from a broken window and that caused by smoke.

There was a tense moment during the fire when a hose was being played through a window on the south-eastern side of the premises. An explosion was followed by a spurt of flame which leaped about 20 ft. into the roadway. Fireman E. Godfrey from head station sustained a burned right hand. Firemen A. Westall and R. Paul, who were nearby, were not injured. Mr. C. J. Small, a member of the firm, stated that recently the firm installed a large quantity of new machinery. This had been destroyed.

Flames were first seen issuing from the north-western corner of the premises shortly before 1. o'clock. Thebarton Fire Brigade received calls almost simultaneously by telephone and from an alarm at Ashley street, Torrensville. A reel and four men from Thebarton and another reel and five men under Station Officer M. Griffin from Adelaide Station were quickly on the scene. With a strong wind blowing from the north the firemen realised that quick work was necessary to prevent the blaze from spreading to the home of Mr. Chant, which is separated by a right-of-way from the southern side of the factory. For half an hour they fought the flames and confined them to the factory. Mrs. Chant was at home when the alarm of fire was given by a tradesman. As soon as it was realised that the home was in danger several willing workers removed the furniture to the next house. Portion of a paling fence was pulled down to allow the furniture to be more easily transferred. Three poles in Hutchinson street carrying high-tension wires caught alight, and it was feared that they would collapse. An electrician was perched precariously on the top of one pole pouring water on it. The sheet of flame which leaped from the fire is believed to have come from a drum of lubricating oil. The premises were composed of brick and iron. About 40 men may be out of work as a result of the fire. Thebarton Police are preparing a report for Dr Ramsay Smith (City Coroner).

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 9 December 1929, page 21

TRAMWAY CABLE BREAKS

MOTORISTS' NARROW ESCAPE

A motorist and two passengers had a narrow escape from electrocution about 11.30 last night when a tramway cable on the Goodwood-road snapped without warning and fell on top of the radiator of the car. When the cable struck the car it made a blinding flash, which was noticeable from a long distance. The Adelaide Fire Brigade sent a reel to the scene. The wire rolled from the car to the ground, making a further series of flashes and explosions. A fireman received a slight shock in attempting to move the cable, which was repaired by a breakdown service dispatched by the Tramway Trust.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 14 December 1929, page 6

Bags of Straw on Fire

Shortly after 11.30 o'clock this morning Adelaide Fire Brigade received a call to the building of the Commonwealth Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Victoria Drive, Adelaide. Several bags of straw, a few sheepskins, and some wool in the basement, were on fire. The flames were extinguished before damage was done to the building. It is thought that the fire was caused by a spark from a gas-producer coming in contact with explosive vapor.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Monday 16 December 1929, page 3

FEWER FIRES IN S.A. THIS YEAR

Steady Decrease, Says Chief Officer

"SOUTH Australia has been singularly free from big fires this year," said the Chief of the Fire Brigade (Mr. J. E. Dickie) in a review of the year's activities of the brigades last night. The number of fires which the brigades attended, he added, was steadily decreasing.

In 1925 the total was 642. In 1926 it increased to 711, but fell to 706 in 1927. Last year the number was 589, and this year, up to last Thursday, only 534. In December last year Fire Brigades received calls to 100 outbreaks, but most of them were grass fires. The weather precluded that number being reached this month. In the 534 calls recorded were included fires in rubbish heaps and buildings, motor cars and machinery, petrol stores, and coal ships.

WORST FIRE

The worst fire during the year occurred on February 7, when a petrol magazine at Port Adelaide caught alight. The fire burned for 14½ hours and 218,000 gallons of petrol and two motor lorries were destroyed. Two employes were severely burned, but the outbreak was confined to that locality. The fire that caused the next greatest amount of damage, apart from the outbreaks on coal ships, happened on November 4 in Grenfell street, in the block of buildings adjoining the Queen's Hall and Harris, Scarfe's'. The firms that lost by it had their property insured for more than £39,000. At the fire at Small's furniture factory in Torrensvillie on December 7, the damage was estimated at £9,000. Port Pirie had its worst fire on June 25, when W. T. Pimlott, Ltd., cabinetmakers, and adjoining shops were burned out, the total damage being estimated at £18,000.

THREE COAL FIRES

Fires had occurred on three coal ships, but Mr. Dickie was unable to estimate the damage done. On September 17 the Tor Head's cargo caught alight at Port Pirie and nine days later that of the King Howel at the same place. On September 25 a fire broke out on the Tremeadow at Port Adelaide. Taken all in all, the State had had an extraordinarily quiet year, said Mr. Dickie. He was pleased with the equipment of the Fire Brigades in Adelaide, all machinery and plant being of the latest type.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 28 December 1929, page 39

WHY ADELAIDE FIRE LOSSES DECREASED

THE chief fire officer of Adelaide, in a review last week, said fire losses for Adelaide during this year were much lower than for previous years. This is especially gratifying when it is remembered that fire losses are actually born by the community as a whole, and during a period of financial stress Adelaide cannot afford to have any assets going up in smoke.

The fact that big fires are on the decrease is due to a great extent to the general adoption of fire resisting construction in new buildings following on the operation of the Building Act of 1923. But also full credit must be given to the Fire Brigade whose prompt attention has nipped in the bud recently at least two fires which may well have developed into serious conflagrations.

Little by little the fire risk of the city is diminishing, many blocks lately marked by the Fire Underwriters and the Fire Brigade as danger points are now being broken up by fire-resisting buildings, thus limiting the possibility of spread of fire within their boundaries. A fire-resisting building not only offers a direct block to the flames, but provides a point of vantage from which the fireman can attack an outbreak in their vicinity.

Possibly more than any other improvement in building construction, the general adoption of steel window frames has helped to minimise the spreading of fire, for the light inflammable deal of the old wooden sashes provided a ready means of entrance of a fire from one building to another. Flat concrete roofs also play their part, although the iron covered roof usual in Adelaide always did its share in resisting falling sparks, except where exposed barges and fascias were concerned.