

Busy Brigade

Alarming Outbreaks of Fire in Sheffield

Alarming outbreaks of fire occurred in Sheffield, one late last night, and the other early to-day. At the former fire, which occurred at the home of George Beck, labourer, of 73 Amberley Road, Attercliffe, several children had a narrow escape, two were rescued with difficulty from the burning house by Mr. George Wood, who resides at Swan Street, and Mr Charles Wood, of 69 Amberley Street, rescued the third child from the bedroom.

A large crowd had gathered in the meantime and one person summoned the Fire Brigade, which, on arrival found the flames had been extinguished with buckets of water. The contents of the front living-room were completely demolished, and damage to the extent of about £100 was caused. The children were conveyed to the Royal Infirmary suffering from the effects of the fumes and were detained.

The parents of the children had left home some time before the outbreak occurred. But for the promptitude of the rescuers the probability is that the children would have met a terrible death.

The second fire broke out in some fowl houses and a piggery in Thirlwell Road, Heeley, and resulted in poultry, rabbits and a pig perishing in the flames.

Shortly after five o'clock to-day the Brigade received a call to a fire which had broken out in four fowl houses and a piggery in the rear of 37 and 39 Thirlwell Road, Heeley. The outbuildings in the rear of No. 37 belong to J. Morley, and those in the rear of No. 39 to Albert Simpson. The Brigade under Superintendent Hadwick, were quickly on the scene but found on arrival that the occupier of the premises had got the fire under control, and the use of a few "chemics" completely extinguished it.

The flames, however, had played havoc with the outbuildings. In Mr Morley's buildings there were 9 fowls, 3 ducks, 5 rabbits and 2 pigs, and only 2 fowls and one pig were saved from destruction. Mr. Simpson had 18 fowls in his fowl houses, and nine were suffocated by the flames and smoke.

The outbreak is thought to have originated through an overheated furnace at Messrs. Sewell and Proctor's glass bottle works, and the damage will amount to about £40.