

Sheffield Fires

Youth's Narrow Escape in Workshop Outbreak

A workshop was reduced to ruins by a fire at the premises of Mr. M. Cantor, cabinet maker, Bedford Street, Sheffield, which, occurred to-day during the lunch hour.

About one o'clock the Brigade received a call, and responded with two engines, in the charge of Superintendent T. Breaks. On their arrival flames and smoke were shooting up through the roof.

A ladder tiara was rushed up the side of the building, and quantities of water were poured through the roof.

Access is gained to the works through an archway, which leads to a yard, and the the houses in the yard adjacent to the works might have been in danger, the occupants left their homes and stood in the street.

The fire was first noticed by Mrs. M. Geltz, of 12 Wheeldon Street, Sheffield, wife of the occupier, who, had, just left the shop on a business errand.

I was not away more than 25 minutes Mr. Geltz told a "Star" representative.

"I have not had a fire in the grate all morning, and I cannot think how the fire started. My wife brought my dinner, and she was here when I left to do a little business.

Screams Give Alarm.

The premises' comprise several workshops. The one affected is on the second story. The flames and smoke were seen by a policeman on duty near the Royal Infirmary, who rushed to give the alarm, which however, had already been raised by Mrs. Geltz. An apprentice working for Mr. Geltz ran across to Messrs. Tomlinson's, funeral directors, opposite, and telephoned to the brigade.

The youth, Maurice Jones, of 12, Bloor Street, Walkley, had a narrow escape from being trapped in the flames. Had it not been for the screams of Mrs. Geltz he would undoubtedly have, continued working in a room on the other side of the landing to that where the fire occurred, and which was slightly affected by the flames.

Darnall Outbreak

Early this afternoon the Sheffield Fire Brigade received a call to a fire at Hampton's Vice Works, Ouse Road, Darnall. The brigade found that some bales of wood wool had caught fire.

There was little damage done and the fire was extinguished with one jet from the main in a short time. A small lean-to building which contained the bales was damaged.