Fire Officer's Fall

About five o'clock yesterday morning, shortly after a detachment of the Sheffield Fire Brigade had returned to headquarters from the blaze at Messrs. Skelton's Works, they were called to the premises of Messrs. T. B. and W. Cockayne, Ltd., in Angel Street. An outbreak had taken place there in the engine house, where the exhaust from the gas engine had ignited the floor boards, and the flames spread to the door and partitions. Luckily, however, the automatic alarm was set going, and the sprinkler heads fused, thus liberating the water on to the flames. This kept the flames in check, and prevented what might have been a serious blaze.

When the brigade arrived in the charge of Second Officer Outram, the latter opened the door of the engine house, and, on entering, he immediately fell through the burnt-out floor into the basement below. Luckily, he was not injured, and the Brigade set to work and quickly subdued the flames. Only slight damage was done to the engine house.