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# TOY BOAT LEADS TO £30,000 INFERNO

**A MATCH DROPPED BY A BOY WORKING ON A TOY BOAT STARTED A £30,000 FIRE IN F. H. STEPHENS' OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE ON THE CORNER OF ST. JOHN AND CIMITIERE STS., LAUNCESTON, YESTERDAY.**

The two-hour blaze began at 11.30 a.m. in a rag and waste merchant's premises on the ground floor of the building, which was empty.

Thousands watched the smoke build up in the top floor before fire suddenly encircled the roof round the spouting and leapt from windows.

It was Launceston's most spectacular and most costly fire for two years.

The flames and dense clouds of blinding billowing smoke were seen miles from the city.

Firemen were constantly in danger from falling glass, timber and tin roofing as they battled against a blaze made wild by a breeze which fanned the smoke and flames in every direction.

The ship, of Police (Mr. W. O. Cartledge) said last night that the 13-year-old boy had reported on the origin of the fire.

He said that the boy had been working on the toy boat in the workshop at the time the fire started. The match had been used to start the fire in some pain.

Mr. J. W. Tait, principal, said that the fire was caused by a dropped match.

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## 'Attraction' betwween dead couple

**SYDNEY — Mrs. Margaret Chandler told her husband a few days before she died that she was "attracted" to Dr. Gilbert Bogle.**

The husband, Geoffrey Chander, told the coroner's court after her death yesterday. Dr. Bogle is said to be a doctor from the New Year's Eve party at the yacht house.

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