

# Eight Towns Send Aid in Plant Fire

## Early-Morning Blaze One of City's Hottest

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firemen were unable to gain suitable pressure from a nearby main.

Shortly after the fire was discovered there were rumors that the night watchman, Mr. Anderson, had been caught in the blaze. This was proved untrue within minutes, however, after he was located and gave his version of the fire's beginning to fire officials. Fire officials said no one had been reported injured.

### Leveled In Hour

City firemen played water on the fire from Allen and Sciota Streets and from the roof of the Plomb Tool building. Within an hour after the alarm was turned in, both the Alliance and Creston buildings had been leveled.

Early spectators at the fire expressed fear that a gasoline pump on the Creston property would explode, but fire officials said there was no danger that this would occur.

Fire Chief Swanson said his men would have to pour water on the ruins for several hours. Water was being pumped from the Chadakoin River, at the rear of the Alliance building, for this purpose. Firemen stopped using city water after the blaze was under control.

Hundreds of spectators flocked to the scene of one of the hottest fires in the city's history. Cars were parked throughout several blocks in the area. City police were on duty directing traffic at many nearby intersections.

The county fire mutual aid plan was evoked as it became apparent that a major fire was developing. Working through William Stoye, desk deputy at the Mayville fire control center, eight departments were sent rolling into the city from outside stations.

Raymond H. Hughes, county fire coordinator, said that the operation worked very smoothly.

### Nearby Towns Aid

The initial call at 5:30 A.M. was for two companies. Then two more were called and then all that could be reached. The companies responding were Lakewood, Falconer, Sinclairville, Chautauqua, Celoron, Busti, Klanton and Ashville.

and he was assisted by Chet Wilbur, Busti. Working under Chief Swanson, it was the task of these men to assign the movements of the outside companies as they reported. Mr. Hughes remained at the City Hall fire department headquarters to take care of emergencies which might arise during the course of the blaze.

Mr. Hughes said that some of the district trucks were not moved in order to assure protection of nearby areas. This was the case with the Fluvanna and Gerry which are used to cover the Municipal Airport.

By 8:30 A.M., all outside companies, with the exception of Ashville, were released from duty in Jamestown. Ashville firemen remained at the scene, playing water on the ruins, using Jamestown department hoses.

## Alliance Plant Expansion Follows Growth

### History of Company Outlined by Lund, Former President

History of the Alliance Furniture Company in Jamestown shows a growth from the original plant, a three-story frame building about 36 by 64 feet, to the large factory which this morning was destroyed by fire.

The original plant was founded by a group of men comprised of Ed Bergquist, Charles Berglund, Joseph Sandberg, August Sandberg, Oscar Carlson, and Gustaf A. Lund.

Mr. Lund said this morning that the first plant was built about 1905, with Charles Berglund the president, and Oscar Carlson treasurer of the group which started the building project. Mr. Berglund died before the building was completed, and Mr. Lund was elected president when the plant started operations.