

Half-Million Loss Estimated

Intense Heat Levels Transfer Sheds Across Allen St.

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An early morning fire, which threatened buildings a block away, destroyed the 47-year-old four-story building of the Alliance Furniture Company, 615 Allen Street, and three one-story sheds of the Creston Transfer Company, across the street. The fire was discovered at 4:49 A.M.

Stanley T. Anderson, general manager of the Alliance firm, estimated the damages to his company at half a million dollars. He said the loss was almost completely covered by insurance. The firm, which has occupied the brick and frame structure since 1905, manufactured dining room furniture and holds a patent on a triplex cabinet, desk and table. The firm employs about 65 persons.

Mr. Anderson said he did not know what plans his company had for the future. A meeting of company officials will be held to discuss such things this afternoon.

Tractor-Trailers Removed

No estimate of the damages to the Creston property was available. The three sheds and all supplies within were destroyed, but firemen were able to remove at least four tractor trailers from the sheds before they were damaged.

All companies of the Jamestown Fire Department including off-shift firemen responded to the alarm, which was turned in about 4:49 A.M. Under the county's mutual aid system, eight fire departments from nearby communities sent equipment and men to the fire or as standbys at Jamestown stations.

Mr. Anderson said the company's night watchman, Carl Anderson, told him the fire probably started in the roof over the boiler room at the rear of the building. This was confirmed by Fire Chief Rudolph H. Swanson, who said that the cause of the blaze had not yet been determined.

Jamestown fire officials said

TRUMAN INSISTS HE'S THROUGH

Chicago. (A.P.) —President Truman has reiterated that he is not a candidate for reelection, says Frank McKinney, Democratic national chairman of the Democratic national committee.

McKinney, at a news conference yesterday, quoted the president as telling him in a conference at the White House Sunday:

"I meant what I said about not running. I've served my time. This is a man-killing job. You wouldn't want to see me carried out here in a pine-board box, would you?"

McKinney said the president will not come to the convention next week until after a candidate is nominated.

within 45 minutes were leveled.

The flames leveled the entire Alliance building except for a brick shell along the building's west side. This will be torn down with a Department of Public Works winch this morning after the flames licking at the ruins are extinguished, fire officials said. By 10 A.M. the ruins were still burning and intense smoke covered that area of the city.

Jamestown firemen were able to keep the flames from the Plomb Tool Company building, only 25 feet from the Alliance building. Some windows were broken by the heat.