

Other Plants Absorb All Alliance Employees

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Most employees of the Alliance Furniture Company, Allen Street, burned to the ground last week in one of the largest fires in the city's history, have found jobs at other industrial plants in the city, according to Leonard H. Peterson, president of the Alliance Furniture Workers Union (Ind.)

Mr. Peterson said the majority of the 65-odd Alliance employees have found other jobs and are already working. He said the workers had taken their new jobs with the understanding that they will be released and may return to Alliance if that company decides to resume operations.

Some Alliance employees have reported being offered as many as five jobs after the fire.

Mr. Peterson also said that the employees had met Friday night and decided to continue the union's operations, at least until company officials announce their decision on resum-

ing operations.

Meanwhile, Stanley T. Anderson, general manager of the Alliance firm, today issued a statement in which Alliance officials thanked the Jamestown Fire Department and other fire companies that responded to the fire alarm for their efforts to save the plant from destruction.

"We realize," he said, "that everything possible was done to save our plant. We are happy that no lives were lost and that no one was seriously injured."

He added that other manufacturers in the city have been very cooperative in offering jobs to the Alliance employees.

Fire Chief Rudolph H. Swanson told The Post-Journal this morning that the sprinkler at the Alliance Furniture Company was turned on at the time the fire started but that "it had been turned off before the Fire Department arrived."