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Future of Alliance Awaits Board Meet

Possibility of Stockholders' Meeting on Question Looms

It may be another month before officials of the Alliance Furniture Company make their decision on whether to resume the plant's operation which was halted July 16 when the company's Allen Street plant was destroyed in a fire which caused an estimated \$500,000 damage.

This was indicated today by Lester E. Berglund, Alliance president, who said that the company's directors will meet next week. However, he said the directors may decide to call a meeting of the firm's stockholders before a decision is made. It would be another two weeks before a stockholder's meeting could be called. Mr. Berglund also said the insurance settlement has not been completed.

The decision is being awaited with interest by the furniture industry throughout the country, for the Alliance firm had gained a nation-wide reputation through the manufacture of its dining room furniture.

Also directly affected by the decision will be the company's some 65 employees, most of whom have obtained other jobs for the time being. Shortly after the disastrous fire, officials of other industrial plants throughout the city arranged to hire the Alliance officials, with the understanding that if the furniture firm resumed operations, their employees would be released to return to Alliance.

The Jamestown truck depot of the Creston Transfer Company, Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich., also was destroyed in the fire. The depot was located across the street from the furniture plant. The Creston firm resumed operations here the day after the fire when they leased a new building at 101 Monroe Street, formerly occupied by the Jamestown Wholesale Company.