

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Defense Status
- Enlarged Call
- Agitators Set-Back

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Salem.—Every other state activity in official circles since the outbreak of the war with Japan has been subordinated to the effort in behalf of civilian defense.

Many who were wont to scoff at the civilian defense program instituted by Governor Sprague early last summer learned to appreciate the importance of this organization in the emergency that confronted Oregon along with the other Pacific coast states in the emergency precipitated by the attack on Hawaii. Within a few minutes after the first flash of that attack was heard in Oregon telephone calls began reaching Jerrold Owen, state director of the civilian defense organization announcing that county defense groups were on the alert and awaiting orders. The value of this preparedness was further demonstrated in the blackouts observed throughout most of western Oregon during last week when thousands of volunteer air raid wardens, previously assigned to their posts and instructed in their tasks, contributed largely to the success of these defense precautions.

A high tribute to the forehandedness of Oregon in its preparation for defense of the civilian population was paid by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on her visit to this state for a study of defense preparations last week. After listening to Governor Sprague and Jerrold Owen describe the steps already taken by this state to protect the life and property of its citizens from possible enemy attack Mrs. Roosevelt told this writer:

"It is very evident that Oregon is far ahead of other states in this movement. Many states and cities had splendid organizations worked out on paper but had no move to put them into operation until we

were attacked. Apparently Oregon realized that what has been happening in Europe might also happen here and was prepared for the emergency when it arrived."

At the same time the civilian defense organization was swinging into action the state police, under the direction of Superintendent Chas. P. Pray, was also busy. Armed guards were promptly placed at all strategic bridges and tunnels on the state highway system while special guards were thrown around industrial plants under plans worked out months ago in conferences between Pray and industrial leaders. In his proclamation declaring a state of emergency Governor Sprague has called for the cooperation of all sheriffs and police officers with the state police in the task of enforcing the laws in the war emergency.

Completing the preparations for home defense organization of a state guard, authorized by the last legislature, has been completed this week. Invoking the authority conferred on him by the 1941 legislature in anticipation of just such an emergency, Governor Sprague last week authorized Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, adjutant general, to organize the new military regiment which is to be commanded by Brigadier General Alvin C. Baker, veteran of the World war, and a retired national guard officer. The new guard organization will not be called into active service at once but will be equipped and trained and held in readiness for action in any emergency that can not be handled by the state and local police officials, according to Governor Sprague.

Indicating war department plans for a greatly enlarged training program the state selective service headquarters has received word that the January call, originally placing Oregon's quota at 1257 men, may be doubled or even trebled. Immediately upon receipt of this advice Lt. Col. Wooten sent out instructions to all local draft boards to begin an immediate reclassification of all registrants. It is expected that in order to meet greatly increased demands from the army and navy many men who have been given deferment because of employment and dependents will now be advanced to

class 1-A as immediately available for military service.

Once again the advocates of a special legislative session have received a set back.

Seizing upon the emergency created by the war with Japan and Governor Sprague's organization of a state guard the same interests that have been for weeks trying to uncover some good excuse for a special session again got busy with reports that now, at last, the legislature would have to be convened to provide funds to finance this organization.

But again Governor Sprague seems to have outguessed them. In a statement to the press, reiterated in his report to the people of Oregon Saturday afternoon, the governor said that there was no immediate need for a special session; that funds on hand were adequate to meet all ordinary expenses of a guard organization.

Explaining, however, that he did not propose to be penny wise and pound foolish the governor made it clear that if emergency requirements made it necessary he would not hesitate to convene the legislature in special session.

At the present time, the governor pointed out, there is a balance of approximately \$150,000 in the national guard appropriation which is available for use by the new state guards, in addition to which the \$100,000 appropriation set aside for use of the emergency board remains practically untouched. While the state spent approximately \$100,000 on the home guard organization during the two years of the first World war it is not anticipated that anything like this expenditure will be necessary in the present emergency.

Cost of the expanded state police organization made necessary to guard bridges and tunnels and to handle other work of the police force is being paid out of state highway funds.

The League of Oregon Cities proposes to carry on its fight for a bigger slice of state highway funds. Meeting in Salem last week representatives of numerous Willamette valley cities criticized the \$250,000 allocation by the state highway department for repair of city streets this year as "salve" and pledged themselves to continue the fight for an annual allocation of \$750,000 to be used on city streets subjected to heavy truck traffic.

Motorists who hastened to comply with the order to diffuse their lights during blackout periods by the use of colored cellophane are now warned that this arrangement violates the motor vehicle law covering headlights and can not be used at all. A number of Oregon cities are passing ordinances prescribing the manner in which automobile and truck headlights must be dimmed, but Chas. P. Pray, state superintendent of police, warns that use of such appliances will be confined to emergency vehicles and those driven by persons who can show a legitimate excuse for being abroad during blackouts, and must, under no circumstances be used outside of blackout periods.

Faced with the prospect of a serious curtailment in automobiles and tire manufacture, David Eccles, state budget director, is trying to figure out a way to conserve the state's motorized equipment. Among other suggestions advanced will be the pooling of state cars and the elimination of duplication in trips by state employees.

County Warrants Drawn for December

WARRANTS DRAWN ON GENERAL FUND

Edna Hughes, Deputy Clerk	Salary	\$ 85.00
Neva S. Wells, Deputy	Salary	124.69
Earle Bryant, Deputy	Salary	114.69
Gertrude Applegate, Dep.	Sal.	100.00
J. O. Archer, Janitor	Salary	75.00
Henry E. Neer, Court Reporter		25.00
Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Phys.	Sal.	25.00
Laura Lorenzen, Assessor		65.00
Anne M. Thomas, County Nurse		112.50
Case Furniture Co., Sheriff		1.00
S. C. Russell, Sheriff		1.50
Robert Jamison, Tax Col.		6.00
Doris S. Jenison, Tax Col.		96.00
Neva S. Wells, Tax Collections		5.00
C. J. D. Bauman, Sher.	\$75.40;	
T. Coll.	\$22.60; Cir. Ct.	\$30.70
Earle Bryant, Sheriff		21.40

P. W. Mahoney, Dist. Atty.	\$10.00; Emergency	\$37.70	47.70	
Heppner Trading Post, Jail			16.00	
Heppner Market, Jail			.85	
Shorbs Stationery, Clerk			1.75	
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk	\$18.73; Treasurer	\$1.25; Assessor	\$15.35	35.33
Bushong & Co., Assessor			44.63	
Thomas J. Wells, Assessor	\$2.00; Field Work	\$51.10	53.10	
Shorbs Stationery, Supt.			18.70	
Lucy E. Rodgers, Supt.	\$10.24			
Travel Expenses	\$39.10		49.34	
Gwen Glasgow, Supt. Asst.			25.00	
Heppner Gazette Times, Supt.	\$48.10; Official Pub.	\$21.45	69.55	
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Current Expense			54.68	
Western Golf Course Supply Co. Court House			4.63	
Franklin Printing Co., Justice Court			8.12	
State Department of Agr., Dist. Sealer			6.15	
Pacific Power & Light Co., Court House			32.44	
Gilliam & Bisbee, Court Hse.			18.44	
Bert Johnson, County Court			7.20	
George N. Peck, County Court			28.85	
L. D. Neill, County Court			35.30	
Bushong & Co., Justice Court			8.01	
State Industrial Accident Com., Sheriff	\$8.11; Sher. Dep.	\$6.2; Sher. Sal.	\$31;	
Weed Control	\$1.86		10.90	
Central Market, Jail			8.21	
Bert Johnson, Judge, General Assistance			195.68	
Bert Johnson, Judge, Old Age Assistance			330.20	
Bert Johnson, Judge, Aid to Dependent Children			49.60	
Bert Johnson, Judge, Blind Assistance			6.00	

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Clair Ashbaugh	\$71.23	Robert S. Wilson	\$43.42
Ray Brown	\$8.96	Bert Benefiel	\$4.48
A. J. Chaffee	\$121.23	Wm. Harrison	\$2.99
Albert Connor	\$121.23	Allan Johnston	\$80.73
E. A. Kelly	\$113.36	Henry Schwarz	\$29.16
Chas. Williams	\$44.93	L. N. Morgan	\$112.25
W. Cunningham	\$74.75	H. S. Taylor	\$116.74
M. V. Nolan	\$121.23	C. J. D. Bauman	\$4.0
City of Heppner Water Dept.	\$2.50	Frank Nixon	\$29.85
U. S. National Bank of Portland	\$180.12	H. Tamblin	\$107.12
State Industrial Accident Commission	\$72.92	Pacific Power & Light Co.	\$3.76

WARRANTS DRAWN ON MARKET ROAD FUND

Frank W. Gentry	\$150.49	H. Tamblin	\$135.38
State Industrial Accident Commission	\$8.93		

WARRANTS DRAWN ON MISCELLANEOUS FUND

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