

PROCLAMATION

There now exists in Cedar County in this State Breaches of the Peace and imminent danger of a continuance thereof, and open defiance of law enforcement by certain groups and individuals. The Department of Agriculture, civil authorities and local peace officers are unable to enforce the laws and have requested Military aid to re-establish peace, restore law and order, protect public and private property and to protect civil officers in the administration of the laws of this State. Several hundred men in said county are resisting and preventing by force the administration of the laws of this State by civil officers and are threatening and doing physical violence to said officers. The situation grows more serious each day. The territory involved requires the presence of the Military forces of this State in order to maintain the public peace and to prevent breaches of the peace and to re-establish law and order and to aid in the enforcement of the law in Cedar County.

The Adjutant General, Big Gen. Winfred H. Bailey, will place such troops on duty in Cedar County, distributing them in such localities as will render them most effective for preserving the public peace and enforcing law and order. He will protect any and all property, officers, and men from unlawful interference and will arrest all persons engaging in acts of violence, intimidation and interference with the enforcement of the laws. He will prevent the assembling and loitering of persons, when in his judgment the same is necessary. The public peace and good order will be preserved upon all occasions and throughout the county and no interference will be permitted with officers and men in the discharge of their duties under this Order.

The dignity and authority of the State will be maintained and her power to suppress all lawlessness within her border must and will be asserted.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Iowa.

Done at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1931.

Attest:

G. C. Greenwalt,
Secretary of State

DAN W. TURNER,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.