

## QUELLED A BROOKHAVEN MOB

State Officer Kilbride Resists an Attack  
and Takes W. E. Sweezy to the  
Middletown Asylum.

PATCHOGUE, L. I., July 19.—State Officer A. J. Kilbride, who was sent to Brookhaven to arrest William Egbert Sweezy and take him to the Asylum for the Insane at Middletown, was mobbed by over 100 of Brookhaven's leading citizens at midnight Wednesday, and now State officials say the whole mob will be prosecuted at once.

Kilbride arrived in Brookhaven just before noon Wednesday, and found that Sweezy had been spirited away by unknown persons. A search in the neighboring houses failed to reveal Sweezy's whereabouts. Kilbride, accompanied by assistants, then went to Bellport to hunt for Sweezy. There Sweezy was finally found, hidden away in the cellar of Duffy's saloon. He was captured and taken back to Brookhaven, where he was locked up in a room in his son-in-law's house.

Knocks were heard at the door about midnight, and Kilbride at once concluded that trouble was at hand. Picking up a gun, he went to the front door. Out on the lawn and in the road stood a mob of men. Their leader at once spoke up and declared that if Sweezy was not released there would be trouble.

Kilbride stood in the doorway and dared the men to attempt to enter the house. With a rush, the mob bore down upon the house. Kilbride at once sprang to the door of the room where his prisoner was locked in, placed his back to the door, and, raising his gun, shouted: "The first man that dares to step this way I will make trouble for. I am here to take my man away, and I will do it unless you take him from me over my dead body."

The house was crowded by this time with angry and shouting men, among whom Kilbride says he recognized Constable Addison Bumpstead, Forrest Reeves, Sidney Hawkins, Excise Commissioner William Sweezy, Andrew Reeves, John Fulton, and John Seaman.

The mob soon realized that it could not get hold of the prisoner without shooting Kilbride or endangering its members. Then a paper was flourished by some one in the mob, who said it was an injunction restraining Kilbride from taking Sweezy away. But Kilbride said he would not give his man up as long as he drew breath.

Then the mob withdrew to the street, where its members talked in groups, while Constable Bumpstead and Forrest Reeves drove to Patchogue and got Judge Wilnot Smith out of bed. The Constable and Reeves asked Judge Smith for an order compelling the State officer to surrender his prisoner to the Brookhaven authorities.

Judge Smith told the men he would give them a letter if they promised not to open it until they got back to Brookhaven, when it must be read to the crowd first. He then gave them a sealed envelope, in which was some stern advice, but the mob did not seem to be affected when it was read.

The mob kept quiet until just before day-break. Then it surrounded the house, and one of its members flourished Judge Smith's letter and said it was an injunction. Sweezy's release was again demanded, but Kilbride ordered the men to stand back or suffer the consequences.

The mob kept up a noise, but made no attack, and at 5 o'clock its members went to their homes. Then Kilbride started for Middletown with his prisoner.

Mr. Kilbride reported to the State authorities that he had been mobbed while discharging his duty. Reports sent to the officials at Brookhaven say that the State will prosecute the known members of the mob.

William Egbert Sweezy, who is worth considerable property, has been declared insane by physicians. Mrs. Booth became so excited when the mob broke into her house that she went into hysterics, and she is now in bed suffering from a dangerous attack of nervousness.