

## FORMING SHERIFF'S RESERVE IN SUFFOLK

**Biggs Also Seeks the Co-operation of Home Defense Leagues and Rifle Clubs.**

**GETS LIST OF AVAILABLE MEN**

**They Will Be Sworn Now and Will Be Summoned by 'Phone When Needed.**

(Special to The Eagle.)

Huntington, L. I., April 2—Sheriff Amza W. Biggs sent a letter to the principal deputy sheriff or constable in each village in Suffolk asking him to furnish him at once with a list of persons, with their addresses, whom he can call upon and appoint special deputies to assist in protecting the lives and property in the various sections of the county.

In this manner Sheriff Biggs hopes to have a large workable organization that can be summoned within a short time, many of whom can be reached by telephone, and who could assemble at any given point before extensive damage could be done by rioting or other disorder.

Sheriff Biggs also hopes to have the co-operation of the various rifle clubs and home defense organizations in the county.

On Saturday afternoon and evening Cold Spring residents, including the firemen, received their first instructions along the lines of home defense. On Thursday evening the citizens of the village met, at the suggestion of Dr. Charles Davenport of the Carnegie Institute, the Rev. William McCord, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and chaplain of the Seventh Regiment, and Frederick C. Thomas, former member of the Seventh Regiment, and took a decided stand toward forming a home defense company, but as the members of the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department had already taken steps along that line, nothing was done until the department meeting the following evening, when it was decided to have the two organizations combine. Dr. C. Laughlin of the Carnegie Institute and Rodman T. Gilder, whose name has just expired as corporal of the Seventh Regiment, have offered their services for drilling and otherwise training the men. They will drill at the Casino again Wednesday evening, and it is expected that the rifles will be in their hands by the end of the week.

Rifles are expected daily by the members of the rifle club formed last Thanksgiving by Henry L. Stimson, which are nearly a hundred strong, and the new club, which was formed in Huntington village last Thursday evening, will soon make a request for arms.