



Prominent Lynch Mob Member
Lou

Character Sketch of “Lou”

“Lou” is the name given to one of two prominent lynch mob members in the feature. His character is based on M. Marvin Jacobs from Columbia, MO, who was indicted after the lynching. He was charged with impeding the duty of a police officer. (The lynch mob’s leader, George Barkwell, is the only member of the mob who was charged with first degree murder.)

At various points in the feature, Lou is seen as a “follower,” or sometimes an “organizer,” and other times a more sadistic participant in the events of April 28-29, 1923. We could find no specific, step-by-step accounting of these individual prominent lynch mob members – other than Henry ‘Hamp Rowland – and thus the “Lou” and “Red” designations in order to spread out that blame for the events over any number of people who likely participated.



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SIDES

Barkwell shoves through the crowd. Almstedt forces his way forward, facing James and the mob. CHARLES NUTTER (21, white, short), wearing a "PRESS" tag, hovers nearby.

ALMSTEDT (yelling, emotional)

It was MY daughter, not one of yours! Don't stain your hands with this deed! Let the law take its course. I beg you, in the name of law and order and the American flag!

The crowd mutters.

BYSTANDERS

What's that old man going on about? It's the girl's father. Maybe they'll listen. That's Professor Almstedt. I had him last semester. He's a Kraut?! Go home, Herr von Kraut!

LOU

Shut up, old man, or we'll lynch you too.

Lou shoves Almstedt back into the mob's depths.