

**COWARDLY ALBINOES  
ASSAULT NEGROES**

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Scene Early Tuesday Morning and mingled with the crowd that made up the mob and as they formed little groups and discussed their plans for the coming night, of course everybody with a white face was accepted as an enemy of the Negroes; and there was no hesitancy in telling just what they were expecting to do that night. Those that made up the mob showed their usual cowardice by urging the police of the city to disarm the Negroes. The police were the principal ones appealed to. In some instances the police were heard to say, "Boys, I am with you." This especially applies to the uniformed men, as the plain clothes men seemed to try to do their duty by advising the mob to disperse; and on several occasions told them that the Negroes were arming themselves and "hell" would be to pay if they went down in the Negro settlement.

**Negroes Being Searched.**—The Negroes woke up to the situation Tuesday and fully realized just what they were up against, when all Negroes who attempted to cross the Mississippi River to St. Louis were searched for arms, and it was stated that the Mayor of East St. Louis, at the request of the mob, had telephoned the Chief of Police of St. Louis to issue an order to prohibit the sale of arms and munitions to Negroes. This order was soon put into effect and Negroes were refused arms at the stores, but somehow they seemed to find quite a large number anyway. Another difficulty met by Negroes was on their return to East St. Louis. Police searched every Negro who passed over the two main bridges; and as a result, many of them were caught with the "goods" on them. One auto of arms was sent by the way of the McKinley bridge; and many other schemes were devised by the Negroes in their effort to protect themselves.

**Beat at Own Game.**—A little meeting was called and it was told how the Colored people were being discriminated against; and it was suggested that members of the Colored race who were of light complexions could easily pass and repass unmolested; and that was a solution to the problem.

On Tuesday night one of the Argus reporters mingled with the crowd and saw the military men come on the scene. They, too, were seen and heard to say, "We don't have to see everything." Several military men were arrested by the E. St. Louis police plain clothes men for inciting the riot. The members of the mob only moved in a small area, for they were afraid. After several attempts to get a leader, it was suggested to go get "Ruby." Ruby seemed to be a notorious character; and Ruby came with a gun in her hands and the mob cheered and she started toward the Negro settlement. No one tried to disarm her, but she went a few blocks and when she was told that "death was down the hill," she stood and attempted to discharge the gun in the direction that she wanted to go, but the gun failed to go off. She turned and swore and threw it on the street and that was the end of "Ruby."

There has been much said about the work of the mob. What they did to the Negro was much exaggerated. As soon as the Negro was able to arm himself and protect his home, the whims of the mob were no longer a terror. One prominent Colored man was heard to say, that "as long as the state or United States troops

do not disarm us, we are able to take care of ourselves." He stated, however, that the Negroes were not given protection. The St. Louis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People took the matter up with the Governor of Illinois and made the charge that the Militia were discriminating in favor of the whites. It is also understood that a committee waited on the Chief of Police of St. Louis to protest against the discrimination on the part of the police in searching all Colored people returning over the bridge while the whites were allowed to go unmolested. The Chief promised to correct this condition.

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