

Race Riot in Texas

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succeeded in killing several policemen and wounding others, but their shots flew wild and struck a number of bystanders as well. Before the riot was quelled at least seventeen persons were killed and a number of others seriously injured. Among the dead was Captain J. W. Mattes of the Second Illinois Field Artillery who attempted to restrain the disorderly soldiers and was murdered by them in consequence.

Race Riot in Texas Negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry are to be withdrawn from Texas because some of their number took part in a race riot in Houston. The city was placed under martial law as a result of the outbreak and order speedily restored. The affair has caused an outcry from the white people of the state for the removal of all negro regiments stationed in Texas except those native to the state.

The affray began with a conflict between the soldiers and the local police. The police had arrested some members of the negro regiment with what was considered unnecessary violence. In retaliation for a number of petty injustices the negroes resolved to make a raid on the city and shoot some members of the police force. The soldiers