

SPANNELL GETS A HEARING.

**Slayer of Army Officer Brought
Into Court on Murder Charge.**

Special to The New York Times.

EL PASO, Texas, July 27.—Harry Spannelli, the former music teacher at Baylor University, was brought here tonight handcuffed to a Deputy Sheriff, who took him to Alpine for a preliminary hearing on the double charge of murder in connection with the shooting of his wife and Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler at Alpine a week ago.

For the first time since his arrest Spannelli made a statement, in which he declared that he accidentally shot his wife while firing at Lieut. Col. Butler, who was seated in the back seat of the automobile when the tragedy occurred. This was all he would say of the affair. He kept asking for his little daughter, who is being cared for by her grandfather, John Holland, father of the dead woman.

At the hearing this morning Spannelli's attorney waived a hearing for him. The prisoner was immediately taken in an automobile to Marfa and brought back to El Paso, as it was feared that the feeling had not sufficiently quieted in Alpine to permit him being left in jail there until the trial is held. A change of venue will be asked for, and it is probable that the trial will be held in El Paso this Fall.

Another character has been injected into the case by the report from Arizona that Clay Holland, brother of Mrs. Spannelli, was coming back to Texas to avenge the death of his sister. This was learned today from a former Texas Ranger, who is a friend of young Holland, and who said he received the information in a letter from young Holland.

A large sum of money is being raised at Spannelli's former home in Waco for his defense, and he has employed Judge L. A. Dale of El Paso to defend him. Money is also being raised for his defense at Hazleton, Penn., where he formerly lived before going to Baylor University to teach music and where he met his wife, who was attending school there.

Kosher Butchers Found Guilty.

Two butchers were found guilty of violating Section 435 of the Penal Law in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday for representing meat to be kosher and selling it as such when it was not. The defendants were David Schwartz of 364 East Tenth Street and Herman Gildberger of 200 Second Avenue. Their counsel, ex-Magistrate Wahle, said he would take an appeal from the conviction, as the question of personal liberty was involved as well as the injection of religious doctrines into secular affairs. The defendants were remanded for sentence.