

# SPANELL IS FOUND GUILTY.

Sentenced to Five Years In Prison  
for Killing Colonel Butler.

COLEMAN, Texas, May 5.—A jury to night found Harry J. Spanell guilty of the murder of Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler of the Sixth United States Cavalry last July, and he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Spanell is the owner of the Holland Hotel at Alpine, Texas. Colonel Butler stopped there while he was stationed on the border. On the morning of July 20 Colonel Butler, Spanell, and Mrs. Spanell went for an automobile ride, on which the Colonel and Mrs. Spanell were both shot and killed. At the time Spanell denied the shooting.

After his arrest there were various stories of Spanell's having suspected Colonel Butler of having paid too much attention to his wife.

Spanell was tried for the murder of his wife in February and acquitted, his defense being that he shot at Colonel Butler and accidentally hit his wife. At his trial for the killing of Colonel Butler, Spanell testified he had been jealous of Colonel Butler's alleged fondness for Mrs. Spanell.

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