

## CLOSE MANN ACT TRIAL SATURDAY

Defense Will Attempt to Refute Charge Made by Tulsa Girl

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One of Heaviest Dockets in History of Court Is Set for Coming Two Weeks

Only two criminal cases remain to be tried in federal court, the cases of John Graham, charged with violating the Mann act and the "Fourth Battle of the Marne." One other case is now on trial but will probably be completed early Saturday morning and district attorneys expressed the opinion that the criminal term would be ended Saturday. The opening of court Monday is believed the beginning of one of the heaviest civil terms heard for some time. Many big cases are scheduled to be tried at this term of court.

The case now on trial is that of William "Red" Franklin, former deputy registrar of McIntosh county, charged with violating the Mann white slave law. He is charged with having taken Lydia M. Sullivan from Tulsa to Naples, Texas on a promise of marriage, which was never fulfilled and lived there with her in Eufaula, Okla., two years, by maintaining her with threats against her life.

With the conclusion of the trial the final chapter in a story which began early in the year of 1919, when the girl met Franklin in one of the numerous dance halls of this city, will have been written. She took the stand in behalf of the government Friday and told of meeting him, how he courted her for several weeks and finally on his promise to marry her, agreed to go with him to Naples, Texas, where, according to her story, he said they would be married and live on his father's farm. March 22, 1919, they went to Naples, she testified, against the protest of her sister, and there lived on his father's farm until late that fall. Always, she said, he made excuses to avoid marriage and she claims he and his father forced her to work on the farm during the summer, helping with the crops and otherwise doing work ordinarily done by a man. Finally she left him and later they lived in Eufaula until early in the year of 1920. There, she said, Franklin refused to let her visit other women of the town and made her stay in the house all the time. He father even abused her she testified.

Several "love" letters written by Franklin to the girl were introduced by the government and the defense also introduced letters written by the girl to Franklin.

Mrs. E. C. Williams of Eufaula, who lived next door to the house occupied by Franklin and his parents, testified that she saw the girl, Olive Sever, a girl of good family. Her parents a few days after the marriage heard of the alleged affair between Franklin and the Sullivan girl and went to Eufaula, brought their daughter home and had the marriage annulled.

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### City Briefs

Marriage licenses issued Friday: William Edmon McCarry, 23, and Louella Rose Davis, 21, Tulsa; Floyd Brantley, 26, Avant and Melbie Fowler, 19, Skiatook; W. B. Lawson, 21 and Thelma Stevens, 19, Tulsa.

Divorce petitions filed in district court Friday: Jesse Banks against Hank Hank; Lemuel Charley against Goldie Charley.

Divorees granted in district court Friday: Daisy Jordan against Henry Jordan; W. L. Harbour against Georgia Harbour; H. S. Musgrave against Ruth Musgrave.

Jack Dunn pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny Friday before Justice H. J. Gray and was fined \$25 and 30 days in jail. He announced that he would "lay" it out.

The Mann act will consume much time. Whether his case or that of the four men charged with impersonating United States officers and purporting to stage a replica of the battle of the Marne will be first has not been determined.

The defendants in the Marne case, Elmer V. Duds, William Halsey Wood, Warren J. Vibbard and Zachariah Davis Jenkins, through their attorneys, stopped proceedings Friday morning when the case was called to trial by moving to have the indictment quashed on the grounds it failed to specify any offense against the government or facts constituting a crime which could be tried in federal court. Judge Collin Nebbett took the motion under consideration and will rule on it Saturday morning. Should Judge Nebbett rule against the government a new indictment will be drawn, according to the district attorneys and the case reset for trial. Otherwise the government has announced "ready."

### Poles Not Worrying About Soviet Threats

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Leon Trotsky's threat of a possible war of revenge against Poland is reported to have been made by the bolshevik leader in an address to students in the Moscow military academy, is not taken seriously by Polish representatives in Washington.

At the Polish legation it was said that official information from Warsaw indicated that a bolshevik offensive was very unlikely. John E. Smulski, president of the national Polish committee of America, scoffed at Trotsky's threat.

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 a. m., in the  
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Sermon by  
**Dr. Benjamin Washburn**  
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Historical Lecture by the  
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II. "Saul, the Pharisee"

The government offered testimony to prove that Franklin, after the Sullivan girl left Eufaula, came to Tulsa where he married Olive Sever, a girl of good family. Her parents a few days after the marriage heard of the alleged affair between Franklin and the Sullivan girl and went to Eufaula, brought their daughter home and had the marriage annulled.

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## \$500,000 PAVING CONTRACT IS LET

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Construction company. City Attorney Frank E. Duncan, who lives in Overlook Park, and whose property will be assessed under the paving contracts, threw a broadside into the meeting when, speaking as a property owner, he denied reports that he is to receive remuneration for helping obtain the approval of the contracts.

"I have been said that I am to receive something for my part in getting these contracts through the commission," he said. "I want to state right here that I am helping in this effort because I want paving—and I will pay for the paving of any person who will show that I am receiving a single cent for my support."

When asked how soon work would start if his company were awarded the contracts, Carl Pleasant replied that he will start immediately. I never hold a contract for speculation, the record here will show that I have put every contract through in record time. This statement was substantiated by City Engineer C. E. Griggs.

L. J. Martin, who owns two houses in Overlook Park, explained that he would not protest against the paving along his street if the other property owners desired it, but that he would be forced to increase the rent of these houses in order to meet the additional expense. The places are now renting for \$20 a month, he said, but that he will probably raise it to \$30 or \$40, even though he is reluctant to do so because the tenants are not financially able to pay the increase. Martin remarked that paving prices now are three times those of ten years ago. This condition was brought about principally by increased cost of labor and higher freight rates, according to H. F. Newblock, commissioner of finance and revenue.

Paving to Begin Soon  
I. V. Gray, president of the Standard Paving company, which holds the West First street resurfacing contract, said his company will probably begin Monday morning on this project. Louis Jacobs, East First street merchant, who was largely instrumental in bringing about the paving of that section, and who has since spent much time with West First street property owners, who first protested against paving, facing their petition, trying to persuade them to change their minds, expressed the satisfaction of East First property owners over the recent improvement, which he characterized as "even a better job than we had expected." A similar sentiment was expressed by J. A. Waldrep, wholesale candy manufacturer.

The resurfacing of West First street will make possible the building of the heavy traffic road from First street to the Arkansas river bridge, for which \$40,000 in bonds was voted several years ago, according to Water Commissioner C. S. Youngman. This project when completed will open an office from traffic that is now routed from the bridge into the city over Fifth street, he said.

Demand Immediate Action.  
That the paving business is improving is indicated by recent contracts let by the city commissioner. In Kendall alone the amount to be expended is nearly \$1,000,000, these contracts having been let a few weeks ago after persistent demands had been made on the city by Kendall residents for much needed improvements. While city officials and property owners are agreed that the present price of paving is high, the property owners in most districts insist that it be laid. If the petitions are signed by a majority of property owners the city commissioner feels obligated to let the contract at the prevailing price. Street Commissioner Steiner said Friday. According to the city engineer, paving prices today are approximately 10 per cent under those of a year ago. The engineer also stated that the price paid for city paving is virtually the same as is paid for the

county hard-surfaced highways. The county work, however, is done on a cash basis, and the city work on a credit basis, which forces city bidders to include the loss sustained in marketing this credit. At the city commission meeting Friday morning Carl Pleasant said his company would discount the paper 35 per cent to any property owner in Overlook Park who desires to pay cash for his work.

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