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THE OSCAR LINDSTROM
CASE.

KRISTIANIA,
NORWAY.

Nov. 1st, 1917.

Commissioner Estill,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Commissioner:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

Will you be kind enough to let your Inquiry Department try to locate the above, who is a Swede by birth, about 44 years of age. As the enclosed card shows he was a republican candidate for representative from the 40th legislative dist. Noonan, North Dakota and as far as we know elected in August 1914. He was last heard of at that time. In the Spring 1914 his wife, who is a Norwegian, went to visit her parents in Christiania, with her husband's consent. She intended to return in the Autumn the same year, but has got no answer to her letters and no money to pay her voyage. She has been compelled to take engagement here to support herself.

Will you kindly have some inquiries made and get to know what is the matter? The wife is, of course, very anxious.

Please let this case have your immediate attention, and we shall be very thankful.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) J. H. POULSEN.

Colonel.

COPY.

December 24th, 1916.

The Chief of Police,
Noonan, N.D.

Dear Sir:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

We have an urgent request from our Headquarters in Norway to locate the above named who is about 40 years of age and a Swede by birth. This man was a Republican Candidate for representative from the 40th legislative district and it is thought was elected in August 1914, at which time he was last heard of.

In the Spring of 1914, his wife who is a Norwegian went to visit her parents in Kristiania with her husband's consent and intended to return in the fall of the same year. However, she has not received any reply to letters sent to Mr. Lindstrom and has been unable to return owing to the fact that she has not had sufficient money to pay her voyage.

We shall be glad if you will kindly, if at all possible, give us any information regarding Mr. Lindstrom so that we can get in touch with him.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

SB'ID.

Noonan, North Dakota.
12/13/1916.

Lieut.-Colonel Marcussen,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to yours of the 4th instant
in regard to Oscar Lindstrom, will say that he is a
resident of this place and at present our State Senator
from this district.

Yours truly,

(signed) L. H. Lilby
City Marshall,
Noonan, North Dakota.

December 18th, 1916.

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Oscar Lindstrom,
The State Senator,
The Courthouse,
Bismarck, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

Your wife, who has been in Kristiania since the Spring of 1914, has requested the Salvation Army to do something on her behalf in regard to her return to the United States.

We are informed that this lady went to visit her parents in Kristiania with your consent and intended to return in the Fall of the same year; but she has received no answer to her letters to you and has no money to pay her voyage and has been compelled to work for her own support.

This matter, of course, is quite confidential; but we shall be glad to hear from you and to be of service in the matter of her return to the United States if so desired.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

WB'ID.

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This matter, of course, is quite confidential; but we shall be glad to hear from you and to be of service in the matter of her return to the United States if so desired.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

WB'ID.

February 5th, 1917.

Colonel Poulsen,
Kristiania, Norway.

My dear Colonel:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

With reference to the above named, we have verified the fact that this man is a resident of Noonan, North Dakota and at present is the State Representative of North Dakota from that district. We have tried to get in touch with Mr. Lindstrom, but he has failed to respond to our letters, although it seems evident that the same have been received and that his actions do not speak well. In fact, it is apparent that he has no desire to get in touch with his wife.

With this information before you, we think it best that you see Mrs. Lindstrom and that she get in touch with her husband through the Governor of the state at Bismarck, North Dakota addressing a letter to the Governor and make him familiar with the circumstances and also the verification of the facts ascertained by the Salvation Army.

If, however, this lady would like us to act in her behalf, we shall be very glad to interest ourselves in the matter and take steps which we think best for all concerned.

We will, therefore, await your reply to our letter.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

WB'ID:

June 15th, 1917.

Commissioner Estill,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Commissioner:-

re OSCAR LINDSTRØM

We received your letter of May 8th last and have communicated its contents to our client.

Mrs. Lindstrom will be very thankful, if you will take what steps you think most suitable to get the man to write his wife and to give an explanation for his conduct.

She feels taking this step very painful, but almost three years have gone now without her hearing a word from her husband, and this in spite of the fact, that she went to visit her parents in Norway with his full consent.

It had been agreed that she should have returned to America in August 1914, but has never heard anything since. She was compelled to seek employment here for her support.

Please do what you can to bring this man to do his duty towards his wife. Governor Hannah knows him well.

Awaiting your kind reply.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. H. Poulsen,

Colonel.

July 23, 1917.

Captain Murphy,
112 Main St.,
Bismarck, N.D.

My dear Captain:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

I will appreciate it if you will secure for me by return mail, the address of the above party in Bismarck as I have to deal with him on a very important matter.

Please let my request be confidential as he, so far, has not acknowledged the letters received from this Office.

God bless you,

Yours saved to save,

SOCIAL SECRETARY.

EM' ID.

July 23, 1917.

Mr. Oscar Lindstrom, State Senator,
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:-

It is almost three years since your wife, Mrs. Lindstrom, has heard from you. You sanctioned her request to visit her parents in Norway, and although, at the time she left for Norway, you agreed to it that she should return to America in August, 1914, you have not yet sent her the necessary travelling money and so far she has not had a single letter from you.

I would suggest that you write your wife at once and give her an explanation of your conduct before she starts any proceedings which may be very serious to you and your public position.

Sincerely yours,

Lieut.-Colonel.

EM'ID.

Oct. 10th, 1917.

Honorable Hannah,
Governor of North Dakota,
Bismarck, N.D.

Dear Sir:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

We understand that the above named is a State Senator and personally known to you.

We regret to bring before your attention some circumstances which are not at all bright as it concerns this man's wife.

In the Spring of 1914, Mrs . Lindstrom who is a Norwegian lady, went to visit her parents in Kristiania, Norway with her husband's consent and it was her intention to return in the fall of that year. She, however, received no reply to letters forwarded to her husband, neither was she forwarded any money for her return passage. She is now compelled to work for her self-support.

This matter came up before our attention last December, the letter from our Headquarters in Norway being dated November 1st. Subsequent to this we confidentially got in touch with Mr. Lindstrom and wrote him on December 18th, 1916, January 9th, January 24th, July 23rd, and September 22nd, 1917 to which we have received no response.

After having verified that this man was a State Senator we passed the information on to our Headquarters in Norway and they requested that we do what we can to bring this man to do his duty toward his wife.

It seems to us to be a great pity that the circumstances of the case should be thus and it is quite evident that something should be done for Mrs. Lindstrom.

Before proceeding further with this case, we shall be very glad to hear from you and to be guided by your advice.

Yours faithfully,

WB'ID.

Lieut.-Colonel.

Oct. 12th, 1917.

Honorable Hannah,
Governor of North Dakota,
Bismarck, N.D.

Dear Sir:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM

Following up our letter to you of October 10th, we, herewith, enclose you a letter we wrote to Mr. Oscar Lindstrom on September 22nd which has been returned to us and as you notice the envelope is stamped "unclaimed." This may be quite legitimate and Mr. Lindstrom may have left the neighborhood, but we thought it wise that you should receive it.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

WB' ID.

COPY OF LETTER RETURNED BY P. O. DEPARTMENT.

Sept. 22, 1917.

Mr. Oscar Lindstrom,
State Senator,
Bismarck, N.D.

Dear Sir:-

We regret to have to write you again with reference to the matter concerning your negligence to your wife, a Norwegian, who went to visit her parents in Kristiania in the Spring of 1914 with your consent. On three occasions, December 18th, 1916, January 9th, 1917 and on July 23rd, 1917, letters were sent to you to which no response has been received and this Office has been requested to trace this matter further to secure a proper explanation of affairs.

We are informed that your wife should have returned to America in August 1914, but on writing you for the necessary money received no reply and has heard nothing from you since that time and is now compelled to seek employment for her own support.

We again request that you write us and give attention to this matter as it becomes a man in your position, and if we do not hear from you within two weeks of the time you receive this letter, it will be necessary that this be brought to the attention of Governor Hannah. This, however, we do not wish to do, but your duty for the support of your wife must be considered and if necessary this case will be turned over to our lawyer for his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

WB'ID.

Oct. 13th, 1917.

Colonel E. Marcussen,
669 South State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter C.2528 of October 10th, with reference to Senator Oscar Lindstrom. I will have this matter looked up and will write you. I am not Governor of North Dakota at the present time, but know the Senator well. He stands very well in the State. As soon as I can get reply to letter that I will send out, will write you.

Sincerely,

L. B. HANNA.
(Signed)

LBH'P.

Oct. 15th, 1917.

Mr. L. B. Hanna,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Ninth District,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:-

re SENATOR OSCAR LINDSTROM

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 13th and we note that you are not now the Governor of North Dakota, but that Senator Oscar Lindstrom is well known to you. We further note that he has a good reputation in the state and while we do not desire to hinder him in any way or cause any reflection on his character, at the same time, we are most anxious to do our best for his wife.

We shall appreciate very much any information you can give us as the result of your inquiries.

We certainly appreciate your kind interest and your prompt response to our correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Colonel.

AF'ID.

Oct. 17th, 1917.

Colonel E. Marcussen,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Colonel:-

Referring to your letter under date of
October 12th, 1917 and #2528 would say that Senator Oscar
Lindstrom lives at Noonan, North Dakota. Your letter was
sent to Bismarck and I presume that was why he did not
receive it.

I am return it to you, herewith.

Sincerely,

(Signed) L.B. Hanna.

LBH'P.

Oct. 9th, 1917.

Commissioner Estill,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Commissioner:-

re OSCAR LINDSTROM-C.2528

We have your letter of July
23rd and thank you for your kind interest shown in this
case.

The wife of the above is
very anxious to know what result you have come to.

I am

Awaiting your kind reply,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) J. H. Poulsen.

Colonel.

Oct. 19th, 1917.

Mr. Oscar Lindstrom,
State Senator,
Noonan, N.D.

Dear Sir:-

We regret to have to write you again with reference to the matter concerning your negligence to your wife, a Norwegian, who went to visit her parents in Kristiania in the Spring 1914 with your consent. On three occasions, December 18th, 1916, January 9th, 1917 and on July 23rd, 1917, letters were sent to you to which no response has been received and this Office has been requested to trace this matter further to secure a proper explanation of affairs.

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Yours faithfully,

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AF'ID.