

Elmhurst, Illinois.
June 11th, 1934.

Mr. Chauncey W. Reed,
States Attorney,
Wheaton, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

Yesterday morning a neighbor of Mrs. Peterson's (Mr. Fred Stender) handed me the original of a letter, of which the attached is a copy, and asked that I look it over and mail it, if I thought it was the thing to do.

I read the letter over carefully, although is quite lengthy (and must needs be to state her case fully of course), and my first inclination was to approve sending same on to the President.

Further thought, however, led me to believe that you would appreciate it very much if I were to refer this matter to you first, since there seems to be some indication of laxness in your office in connection with this particular case which I imagine you would prefer to investigate - rather than have the matter brought to your attention through some other source.

I do not know Mrs. Peterson, nor anything about her. Her neighbors seem in sympathy with her, and I cannot understand how, as she states, so many people in Bensenville can be shielding a man guilty of bigamy, etc., and certainly leads one to believe Bensenville must be an awful place for "rotters".

I know full well that every story has its two sides - nevertheless I feel that any woman who has borne a man five children should command respect as a mother and those five little lives should be provided for.

I am told that this woman Peterson married came to Mrs. Peterson in a condition of pregnancy and said to her - "Can't you see now that it is necessary for you to divorce your husband so he can marry me?"

Well, Mr. Reed, I think life imprisonment for such a bad is worlds too good and I cannot imagine how he was released from the charge of bigamy so lightly.

Neither can I understand how the case was dismissed without notice to Mrs. Peterson.

Would you be kind enough to investigate this immediately and let me know what can be done for Mrs. Peterson? I shall hold the original of this letter a short time, or until I hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Caroline Hohmann, (Miss),
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Elmhurst, Ill.