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MOTHER AND FATHER OVERCOME WITH JOY

Found Through Letter Received Here from Blind Attaché of Dutch Consulate—Nation-Wide Search Has Been in Progress Since Disappearance of Youth.

LETTER WHICH LED TO LOCATION OF MISSING JOHN KENNETH MOORE HOLLAND CONSULATE

June 21, 1922,
44 Beaver St., N. Y. C.

Chief of Police,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir:—

In the fall of 1920, a boy giving the name of John Long, and who claimed to come from Bridgeport, and Stratford, came to me. As I am almost blind, and as I am alone, I was only too glad to take him in. He stayed with me until spring. I do not know at present where he is. Notes found after he left me, and which were read to me, showed he had been in some kind of trouble in Bridgeport, in November or October. He was then about 16 years old, light hair, light complexion, rather thick nose. If you could give me any information regarding this boy and what the trouble was, I would be very grateful to you. As I am unable to see my own writing, and I would rather not have this letter corrected by others, I hope you will overlook my mistakes as I am employed in the Holland Consulate. I meet other Bridgeport people who come for passports and so forth, and if I can ever be of any assistance to you, I will be glad to do so. Hoping you might be able to give me the desired information.

Signed,

IVAN COURTLANDT.

Kenneth J. Moore, of 203 King street, Stratford, who on November 17, 1920, at the age of fifteen, disappeared from sight, shortly after noon, as if the earth had opened and engulfed him, has been located. He is now on a farm in Northern New York State, and will probably be back in Bridgeport tomorrow. The

clue that led to his discovery was from a letter received at Police Headquarters yesterday from a blind man, an attaché of the Holland Consulate, a reproduction of which is printed on this page. The parents of the boy, overcome with joy over the report that their long lost son had been located, left this morning in company

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with Sergeant Michael Arnolsky of the Bureau of Missing Persons, to bring the boy back to this city.

Sergt. Arnolsky Detailed.

The letter was received at police headquarters yesterday and its significance was immediately noted. The matter was turned over to Captain of Detectives John H. Regan, who detailed Sergeant Arnolsky to New York to investigate.

Before leaving, Sergeant Arnolsky got in touch with the boy's father, George Moore, salesman for the Burritt Lumber company, and with a minute description and a picture of the boy, they left for New York. Upon their arrival they went to the office of the Holland Consulate and meeting with Mr. Courtland they told of the disappearance of the Moore boy from home.

The description the police gave the blind man fitted to a "T" the description of the boy about whom he was seeking the information, and he volunteered to give any knowledge or aid that he could, that would help the parents in locating their son.

Found Boy In Mission.

He said he met the boy in a mission in New York, and from his personality, and youthful voice, he was sure that he did not belong in such environment. He asked him to go to his home at 44 Bearer street, and live there. This he did. Soon afterward, the elderly man procured him a position as messenger in the Bernhardt Electrical Company, Pine street, New York. The boy has worked there ever since.

Sergeant Arnolsky, the father and Mr. Courtland then went to the electrical plant where they interviewed the manager. They also showed him the picture of the boy that they had brought with him and he

immediately recognized the picture of that of the bright young chap who had within the space of a little over a year worked him [sic] way up from a messenger to a trusted clerk.

One of the owners of the plant had become attached to the cheerful boy and when his time for vacation arrived last Saturday, he offered to take him to his country estate in upper New York. The boy agreed to accept the proffered hospitality and on Saturday he left for this farm.

Time had flown, however, and Sergeant Arnolsky, satisfied that he had discovered the boy's whereabouts, decided to return to Bridgeport and await further orders. Mr. and Mrs. Moore also decided that it would be useless to pursue their travels any further last night so all three returned home.

To Return With Boy.

This morning the three again set out, this time for the estate, and it is expected that the boy will be back in Bridgeport some time tomorrow.

Kenneth Moore disappeared from home on November 17 and since that time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Many clues were discovered due to the ---- ----- for the boy, the father having circulars printed giving a description of the boy in an effort to locate his son. The loss proved such a shock to the family that they have not, to this day, become reconciled.

Country Combed.

The army and navy, ocean liners, road shows, carnivals all were combed in an effort to locate the boy. The search finally became so diligent, and received such nation-wide publicity that fakers and swindlers soon began to use Mr. Moore for a "soft mark."

On December 2, 1920, Mr. Moore received a telephone call from Newton, Mass., where a

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man describing himself as George L. Drummond, told him to telegraph \$100 immediately, with which to pay minor bills for his sin and his railroad fare to Bridgeport. The man collected the money and made his getaway. He was arrested soon after, however, in the same town on a charge of auto thievery [sic], but Mr. Moore preferred not to push the case.

A short time after that Mr. Moore received another telegram from a man describing himself as F. J. Hallock, who asked that \$20 be sent to him to defray the expense of bringing the boy to Bridgeport. Mr. Moore immediately took the train to Canada to investigate this rumor, but although he found Hallock, the report proved false. Hallock at that time was in company with another man who gave his name as J. T. Murphy of 85 High street, Hartford. Both men had been overseas and gassed and it was at that time believed to have affected their mentality.

Kenneth Moore had been living in New York ever since his departure from this city under the name of John Long. Long was his mother's maiden name.

Whether the hoy will be returned to this city or whether he will after a short stay be again allowed to return to work for the company with which he has been employed since has [sic] disappearance [sic] is not known,

An incident in connection with the story is that if he had remained in this city he would last night have completed his four years and been graduated from the Bridgeport High school. In his younger days Moore had always expressed a hope that he might some day go to College and complete his education.

Mr. Moore was overcome with joy this morning at the thought that he was once again to see his long lost son. Tears of joy streamed down his face and it was with the greatest of difficulty that he was able to control the complex emotions that arose within him. His wife also wept with joy, and while waiting for the train they breathed nervously, and walked tempestuously up and down the platform in an effort to conceal the thousands of pangs beating their hearts.

Reporters talked with the father and mother as tears of joy came to their eyes, dimmed for the past two years by the sadness which had so heavily clouded their lives. They were too greatly overcome to converse with anyone and gave mute silence, far greater than any words, to the unlimited amount of happiness which had driven all gloom from their hearts.

Parents Overcome.