



So far as the destination  
of the purchase money for  
the goods in question is  
concerned, I don't think  
that the intervention of  
Lenders is important.

Also I doubt whether Van de  
faekere & Co have committed  
even a technical offence  
as it was presumably the  
manufacturer in Belgium  
who employed Lenders.

In any case however I think  
that F.O.D. will probably be  
interested & even if no  
offence has been committed,  
they may wish to try &  
put the screw on the shippers  
through Van de faekere. So as to  
stop them employing Lenders

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of 44577 & documents  
(so far as possible) for  
any action which

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.  
No. 136.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CONFIDENTIAL

November 30th, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 695 of the 27th of September, I have the honour to report that the firm of Lenders and Company of Rotterdam, through whom Messrs. Chas. Vandefackere and Company are obtaining goods, appears in the enclosure No. 93 dated September 4th to your Confidential Circular dated the 19th of September.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum furnished by the Military Postal Censor.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*C. B. ...*  
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

Memorandum

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Rotterdam.

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and Co.

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Reported by Postal Casser, Nairobi, on 28-9-16;  
 to H. White Wilson and Co.; (Consignment of Bismut Baskets).

Enemy Trader; Schliemann, Ernst, Oilworks and Wax  
 works, Catharinenstrasse 38/39  
 Hamburg. T.A. "Mansalie" "Ceresin"

Agents; Lenders Co. Wilhelmakade 38,  
 Rotterdam.

of.1377 list 21.

Jensen, Albert.

Director of Copenhagen Coal and  
 Coke Company, Copenhagen.

Criminal proceedings have been instituted at Copenhagen  
 against Albet Jensen and V.P. Christensen, Copenhagen, in connection  
 with a bogus shipwreck. One of the Christensens will also be  
 accused of giving false evidence in court, as he, after the ship-  
 wreck of the "Galeass" and "Ferdinand", gave an incorrect deposite  
 before the Maritime Court.

The cargo of the "Carmen", the wherry which was faked  
 for copper carrying purposes, is estimated to be worth about 4,000  
 and will now be confiscated and sold by auction, the proceeds to  
 the Exchequer. It is now stated that the master of the "Carmen"  
 set out some time ago for Gothenburg, on the schooner "Ferdinand"  
 with a cargo of rye, but instead he went to Danzig and there  
 unloaded his cargo.

The ship is then stated to have been loaded with earth  
 and assisted by his brother, the master went off to loose, where  
 they sank the ship. Some days later they arrived at Skaw in an open  
 boat and related that the ship had been wrecked in gale, and confir-  
 ming his explanation on oath, the master received the full insurance  
 money.

He thus acquired capital for speculation in copper.  
 After <sup>his</sup> ungoing punishment in Copenhagen, Christensen will be sent to  
 Sweden to answer to a charge of forgery and gaugging. (Anti.C.C.  
 24/2/16).

Before his conviction he had purchased a large number of steamers of all sizes and nationalities. These vessels are now being run under the Danish flag, although in reality they are being financed by no less a person than Hugo Stinnes, the German millionaire, whose interests in coal and shipping rival those of any of the large concerns in which Germany is so prolific.

Until the outbreak of War Stinnes had an office in Fenchurch Av. London, He is apparently resuming his shipping operations through a "man of straw" in Copenhagen.

The following is a list of steamers he has purchased.

( for list see Cable Operator's Handbook)

Albert Jensen has sent out circulars to German firms offering to forward goods sent to him for that purpose.

- 2. Jensen, Albert, Berlin,

The American Transatlantic Co. N.Y. wired to Albert Jensen, Copenhagen, as follows:-

" Arrangements completed transfer credit 40,000 dollars to us at Bankers Trust Co, N.Y. " ( 31-3-15). On 11-4-15 a wireless message from the American Transatlantic Co. N.Y. was intercepted at Poldhu bearing practically the same text, but addressed to Albert Jensen Berlin ( W.2813).

A telegram from the Transatlantic Co. N.Y. to Theodor LAHR, C/O Lenders, Rotterdam, sent on the 5-8-15, reads thus

" Shall I call for advise if satisfactory" possibly this visit may have some connection with the business of Albert Jensen of Copenhagen and Berlin.

The American Transatlantic Co. cannot be traced in the Directory, but the address appears from telegrams to be Battery Place.

Ref. 1411

Lahr, Theodor, C/O Lenders, Wilhelminakde 36, Rotterdam,

Agent for -

- 1 Wagner, R.G. Furniture Manufacturer, Schoppenstrasse 36, Berlin.

A cable was sent on 6-6-15 from Richard G. Wagner, New York, to American Consul, Copenhagen - Theodor Lahr, Rotterdam authorized to act for me in Denmark \*. Richard Wagner cannot be traced in Trows or Bradsteets' directories of New York and may possibly be furniture manufacturer of Berlin trading in America. Theodor Lahr is a partner in the firm of Lender and Co. forwarding Agents, Rotterdam.

2, Jensen, Albert, Berlin

See Case No. 1277 (2)

Ref. 701.

Abenheimer Siegfried, wooden stakes }  
 Werderstr. 18. Mannheim. } Enemy Trader.

Lender and Co. Wilhelminakade 38 } Neutral  
 Rotterdam. } Intermediary.

Jan. 5/17  
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The  
Ind. Sec.

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6 Jan 1917

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I am to transmit to you

Controller  
Foreign Trade Dept

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to be laid before Mr. Sec. Balfour,  
for <sup>any</sup> suitable action which he may think necessary  
a copy of the ~~document~~ <sup>minutes</sup> of the ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> held on the 2nd inst. on the subject of a ~~proposal~~ <sup>proposal</sup>  
made in the General Block list of houses in  
London regarding the ~~subject~~ <sup>subject</sup>  
concerning the ~~subject~~ <sup>subject</sup>

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 3/1/17
- Mr. Buttley 3/1/17
- Mr. Girindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Matland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

by Messrs Chas. Vandepoel

of Rotterdam & London,

through Messrs. ~~London~~ <sup>London</sup>

- 1. The company of Belgian glass
- 2. It seems probable that
- 3. The firm of Leiden

company probably asked as

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SAP Coy. (1207)  
C.V. & Co. 5 sub. (1207)  
C.V. & Co. 13 sub. (1207)

Copy sent to Mr. Buttley 17 Jan 1917

(+ 44 sub. (62-66))