

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

245/10

Date of Receipt

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Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the
Colonies.
British Minister
Monte Video.

On the subject of the detention of Two
United States Citizens.

No.

Date

Cypher
Telegram

22nd July, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's
Record No.

MINUTES.

Registered Number
of last Despatch.

No. next Despatch.

Cypher Telegram

42 words.

British Minister Monte Video to Governor.

Received 17th July, 1915.

Two members of crew of Bangor called Waisch and Vielmetter
have complained to the United States Minister regarding their
detention. They state that they are American Citizens. Can
you give me any information as to their *names* which I can
pass on to Minister.

Innes.

Cypher Telegram

Governor to British Minister Monte Video.

Sent 19th July, 1915.

July 19th Your telegram of July 18th the two men named
detained as witnesses in the case of prize Bangor. Vessel
has left here. Doubt as to nationality of first named.
Second named German born subject stated to be a naturalized
American Citizen

Young

Cypher

Telegram to Governor from His Majesty's Representative
at Monte Video.

Governor, Falkland Islands.

Received 22nd July, 1915.

Your telegram of July 19th. Are steps being taken to find out
nationality two men who have been detained for a long time. If they
are really United States Citizens United States Government might
have just ground for complaint and I am inclined to think at this
moment His Majesty's Government would be desirous of avoiding
action likely to irritate United States Government end of message

Innes

Monte Video 41 words

Cypher Telegram

Governor to British Minister Monte Video.

Sent 24.7.15

24th July In reply to your telegram two men in question are not being detained here and are no longer in this Colony. Sorry in consequence I am not in a position to obtain information asked for.

Young.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 90

Government House, Stanley.

17th August, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 6th inst, of which a copy is enclosed, replying to your telegram, received that day, with respect to Waisch and Vielmetter two of the crew of the Prize "Bangor".

2. These men were being detained here pending the hearing of the Cause, as the Proper Officer of the Crown required them to appear before the Prize Court as witnesses. They left with the "Bangor" on 13th July last. Please see my despatch No. 74 of the 21st July.

3. Waisch claimed to be an American citizen but it appeared doubtful whether, like Vielmetter he was not of German origin.

Vielmetter admitted that he was German born but claimed to be a naturalized American Citizen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Secretary of State to Governor.

Received 6th ^{August} ~~June~~, 1915.

London P.O. 32 words

Governor Fort Stanley.

AGORAGO EMILCANS TWO ACCOMING CHARLES JOSEPH WAISCH AND GEORGE
VIELMETTER FOUND RESEARCHES NORWEGIAN STEAMER SEATTLE CAPTURED MANTWA
TAST BY CRUISER PRISTAL RACHOVOSA? DIRUCCIO FORT STANLEY RAILINES
ICTAUGER TOTONDIEUS PASGEOLO TIMPELODA BOHAN LAW.

American Ambassador makes enquiry as to two American citizens Charles
Joseph Waisch and George Vielmetter found passengers on board
Norwegian steamer Seattle captured March 14th by cruiser Pristal
detained Fort Stanley state reasons by telegraph for
if any why they should not be permitted continue voyage.

Ronar Law.

Governor to Secretary of State

Sent 6th August, 1916.

Chapelrise London.

APUNCHAR UNAMUT WAISCH VIELMETTER TITHORPA DETAINED HERE AS
TAGAMBOSS CANTY PRIZE BANGOR SILVER GRAY FESTIVAL LAGLEIK BANGOR
BANGOR JEWELRY SILVER GRAY NAKENLOSER WAISCH DOBIDAROS VIELMETTER
GERMAN SNOUGLASS INVITIVEN NASARAK AGOREVOS YOUNG.

August 6th In reply to your telegram Waisch Vielmetter they were
being detained here as necessary witnesses in case of prize
Bangor. No longer here left with Bangor July 13th. Nationality
of Waisch seems doubtful Vielmetter German states he is a natural-
ized American Citizen.

Young