

CALLS GERMAN RAIDER MARVEL

Ponga Has Freighter's Appearance, Cruiser's Qualities, Says Former Captive

Special to the Telegraph New York, April 13.—This is the tale of the German light cruiser Ponga...

The story was told by Captain J. C. Barton, of the British freighter Corbridge, one of the Ponga's victims...

Built Especially as Raider The newspapers have printed the statement that the Ponga was built in 1914...

Above the water line—inside and out—she looks exactly like a fruit ship, a clumsy freighter with nothing to boast of by way of lines...

Swedish Colors on Sides "I realize I am saying a lot about a boat that I never saw until the afternoon she sank my ship...

Seized by Armed Scamen "Members of the Farringford's crew had taken to their small boats and reached the Ponga about the same time we did...

Crews Were Misted "The Germans told the crews of the warships on which they went in search of volunteers that the Ponga was a fruit trader and was going to operate in the Baltic...

"They all know it now, but I must admit I did not see anything that looked like a rumor among any of them, from officers to gunners...

Lieutenant Told Secret "The way I discovered that she was not finished until after Christmas happened innocently enough...

"In Germany, too," said Berge. "It held us up a week on this very boat. It was all rain and snow and now, and you know how it can rain and snow and snow along the Baltic coast."

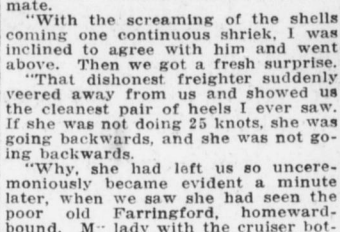
"That fixed the place where the Ponga was built. The light buff paint and the Swedish flags were evident of fact, the second painting was done within 100 miles of England...

Met 150 Miles From England "We were three days out from Hartlepool," continued the captain, "about 150 miles northwest of Cape Finistere, in the Bay of Biscay, and just about that far from England, when we picked up the clumsy-looking freighter dead at anchor, surrounded down with 6,000 tons of coal...

"Well, that old bird came wobbling along, doing about 12 knots. I do not mind saying that annoyed me to see her do it. An honest freighter that can do 12 knots loaded is annoying to other honest freighters. However, I let it go at that for an hour or so, and then had another look. This time I could make out the British flag at her stern. It was a merchant flag. The only trouble with it was that it was too big. The longer I looked at that flag, the less I liked it. She had too much speed and too much flag to suit me. But I let it go at that for another hour or so."

DECORATED FLOWER POTS FIND PLACE IN WINDOW BOX SCHEME

Interest in the Telegraph's Porch and Window Box Campaign has extended over to decorated flower pots. The Telegraph herewith presents an offering made from photographs of four samples painted by a Harrisburg lover of plants. They are designed to fill vacant corners on porches or window sills and are really very artistic and inexpensive.



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BROTHERS WIN A COUSINLY FIGHT

Oliver F. Strayer Loses in Legal Battle to Keep Option Money

After brief deliberation an April court jury this morning returned a verdict of \$563.77 in favor of H. R. and L. M. Strayer, brothers in their suit against Oliver F. Strayer, their cousin, to recover the option money they paid the defendant when negotiations were pending for the purchase of the latter's interest in the Strayer Hardware Store.

The second trial in the action brought by Anna R. Motter against Belle Stephenson, administrator for John Marquart to determine who is the legal beneficiary of \$1,000 in life insurance money left by Marquart, was begun before President Judge Kunkel. Mrs. Motter was not permitted to testify because she was named in Marquart's will as a beneficiary.

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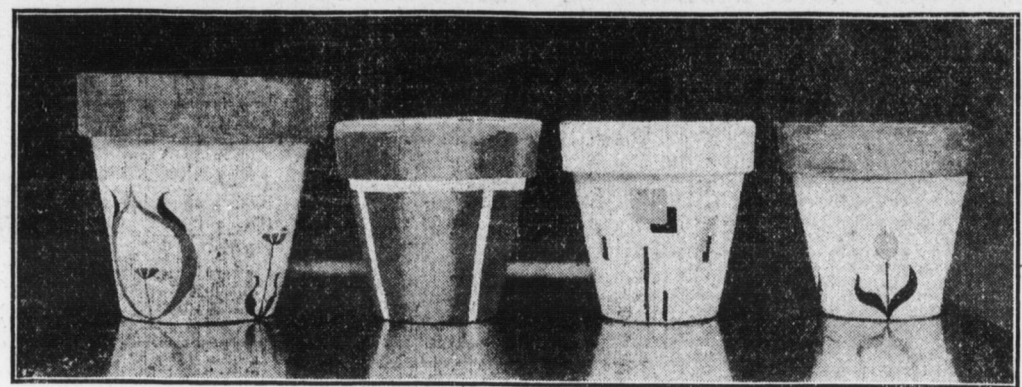
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Entries continue to come in as a result of the campaign started some time ago. The Berryhill Nursery's offer of cheap sectional boxes has attracted many. For the benefit of those who have not clipped a coupon it is printed again to-day.

In Co-operation with the Campaign For A MORE BEAUTIFUL HARRISBURG now being conducted by the TELEGRAPH, we will agree to accept this COUPON as worth one dollar to apply on each foot of Window or Porch boxes in excess of two feet. Coupons may be presented at "The Berryhill" on Locust Street at Second or at the Nursery on the Jonestown Road.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Pave Bridge To-day. — Unless the weather interferes the asphaltting of the new bridge across the Philadelphia and Reading tracks at Nineteenth street will be finished before nightfall by the Ferro-Concrete company. Finishing touches will require another week's work, it is expected, after which the viaduct, according to the city officials, will be turned over to the county commissioners.

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try could reciprocally cross the dividing line in pursuit of bandits if unfortunately there should be repeated along the border cases like those committed in Columbus. The note adds, however: "From the beginning the Mexican government judged that by reason of the time which had transpired and for the purpose of treating a case already begun the said incident could not continue as a proposal for the reciprocal passing of troops."

Incorrectly Interpreted The fact that the United States had incorrectly interpreted the note of March 10 was called to the attention of the Washington government, the statement points out, in a note dated March 11. This note likewise emphasized that the passage of troops would be permitted "only if unfortunately, from this time forward, there should be repeated eruptions like the one registered at Columbus or of any other kind whatever at any point of the frontier line."

On March 18, the statement continues, Frank Polk, acting Secretary of State, in an interview with the Carranza confidential agent deplored not having received the observations of the Mexican government before American troops crossed the border, declaring that the passage of troops took place in the best of faith and in the belief that it would not be necessary to enter into more details of an agreement which was considered definite and ended.

These declarations made by Mr. Polk were later confirmed on March 22 to the Mexican representative by Secretary Lansing, "who stated also that he was sorry at having interpreted wrongly the contents of the said note in respect to the passage of troops and that they would not advance more to the south of the place where they then were."

Reference is also made in the note to the declaration made by President Wilson on March 26, saying "the expedition was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the purpose only of capturing the bandit Villa, whose forces have invaded territory of the United States, and on no pretext whatever would we order an invasion of that republic or a violation of its sovereignty."

Has Fulfilled Object "That idea," continues the note, "published by his excellency, President Wilson, was rectified on March 21 by a message sent to our confidential agent in Washington, in which he was instructed to call your attention to the idea indicated, since the note of March 10 referred to the reciprocal passage of troops only in case that incident like those which occurred in Columbus, should be repeated."

In concluding the note, which is signed by Candido Aguilar, secretary for foreign affairs, points out that as the American expedition "has fulfilled its object insofar as it will be able to do so, as the party headed by Villa has already dispersed; and finally, because there are Mexican troops in sufficient numbers pursuing them, and more forces are being sent to exterminate the rest of the beaten party, the first chief of the constitutionalist army, charged with the executive power of the nation, decides that it is already time to treat with the United States Government for the withdrawal of their forces from our territory."

Admiral Winslow Makes No Mention of Attack on Americans in Dispatches Washington, D. C., April 13.—Dispatches received early to-day at the Navy Department from Admiral Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet, made no mention of a reported bandit raid upon Americans near Guaymas, the navy officials believe, is able to cope with any anti-American incident without assistance from the Denver. A comment was characterized by State Department officials as "perfectly justified" by the correspondence between Secretary Lansing and the Carranza government.

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HERBERT R. GREEN

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Advertisement for 'Bringing Up Father' comic strip. It features a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress. The text reads: 'You Will Find Your Money's Worth Of Mirth and Unending Delight ... IN ... "Bringing Up Father" This Is George McManus' Best Comic Creation and the Most Popular in the Country Today Mr. Jiggs Is a Diamond in the Rough And His Adventures Furnish a Prolific Source of Laughs This Is Only One of Several Comics Every Afternoon ... IN ... The Harrisburg Telegraph'