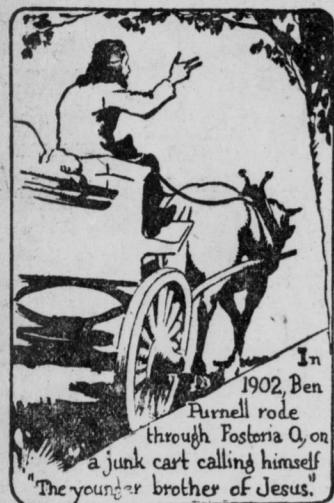


# FOUR SHIPS WEATHER ICY GALE ON LAKES

## 'King Ben' Profitably Mixed Religion and Business



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BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov. 20.—Speaking of Big Business and the Cult of Success—

"King" Benjamin Purnell, who fell afoul of the law after reigning over the House of David for nearly a quarter of a century, started in life as the penniless offspring of a poverty stricken Kentucky farmer.

By his own efforts he built up an enterprise here worth \$12,000,000, besides laying away a large personal fortune.

Whiskers or no whiskers, that was an achievement.

It means that the long-haired cult leader is something more than a mere fanatic, a deluded religionist. He also is a business executive of ability.

King Ben's past is not too clearly lighted, but it is known that he was born in 1861 in Maysville, Ky. He had little education, except that he faithfully studied the Bible. As a youth he worked in the hill country at various trades.

### His Career Begins

It was in 1902 that Purnell started on his strange career.

## SMUGGLING ARMS CHINESE DESPITE 11-POWER PACT

### 11 Nations Signed Treaty, but Illegal Traffic Continues.

By Times Special  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Wholesale smuggling of arms and ammunition into the Chinese republic is going on in violation of the 1919 diplomatic agreement.

Virtually all of the eleven nations, signatory to this agreement, are guilty of the breach of faith.

Proof of these two facts lies in the general knowledge that the 1,500,000 Chinese under arms cannot be equipped and kept in fighting form by the output of the nineteen small "arsenals" operating in China, by various seizures of smuggled arms, including several shipments of out of Pacific coast ports, and by the common reports coming back from China that foreign airplanes, mortars, and small arms abound among the six revolutionary arms now devastating the republic.

### Great Powers Agreed

On May 5, 1919, a dozen of the greater maritime powers entered into a diplomatic agreement to halt all shipments of arms into China. These nations included Great Britain, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Japan, Brazil, and the United States. Russia was committed to the agreement by her minister, then recognized in Peking but not recognized in Moscow.

Since then, although the embargo is technically in effect, arms are known to have been reaching China by sea in great quantities. It is known that Italan artillery, French airplanes, British Stokes' mortar stuff, American-made pistols and rifles and other equipment and parts manufactured outside of China are in general use by the warring armies and that it is these sinews of war that is making possible the continued warfare now tearing China in apparently futile strife. These armies now number six big units and occupy all of the eighteen provinces.

### Efforts at Restriction

Some sincere efforts have been made by British and American authorities to stop the shipments. Two years ago the captain of an American lumber schooner was arrested, and a considerable shipment of guns taken from his vessel, which had shipped out of Portland, Ore. Another shipment of rifles, secreted behind the panels in the staterooms of a big trans-Pacific liner, was seized at Hongkong. The British have also stopped and searched several vessels.

### STREET CAR FIRED ON

No One Struck, However—Police Look for Person Who Shot.

Investigation of a shooting was being made by police and detectives today, following a call Friday night to Shelby St. and English Ave., where an unknown person had fired a shot through a window of a street car, hitting with a bullet passed through the window and lodged in a casting on the opposite side. Passengers were thrown in a tumult for a time, but quieted down when it was found that bandits or gangsters were not in sight.

### Tanker Blast Death Toll May Reach 16

By United Press  
BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 20.—The life toll of an oil explosion which ripped the Norwegian tanker *Mantilla* in two in dry dock here yesterday, stood at eight today, with indications that it would mount, perhaps to sixteen, when eight missing workmen are accounted for.

Five of the score injured are expected to die.

Nine of the seventeen missing immediately after the accident had been accounted for over night, while no additional bodies were found, leaving the number of known dead at eight, as reported by the United Press yesterday afternoon.

### Accomplice Theory Held in Robbery Probe.

That girls who were riding with the Noblesville youths Friday night when they were held up and robbed may have been accomplices of the bandits is a theory being investigated by police today.

Cliff Johnson and Victor Black admitted picking the girls up on the streets and taking them for a ride.

When they arrived at Keystone Ave. and Sixty-Third St., a large auto approached and, crowding them to the curb, made them halt the machine.

Two bandits leaped from the big car and robbed the youths at the point of a gun. The loot included \$9 in cash, a \$100 diamond ring and an \$85 watch. Johnson threw \$12 to the floor of the car and this was overlooked by the robbers.

The girls were not searched. When police arrived they refused to give their addresses.

### COOPERATION IS URGED

U. S. Must Work With Europe, Professor Tells Men's Club.

Need for United States cooperation in European affairs was stressed in a speech by J. Raymond Schultz, professor of economics at Manchester College, who spoke before the Men's Club of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Friday night. He cited the raise in coal prices here as the result of the British strike as one instance of how affairs are affected.

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### G.O.P. FUND NOT TO SWAY VOTERS

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—White collar workers eat 20 per cent less food than farmers, home economic experts of the Agricultural Department said today after a survey of food consumed by tillers of the soil.

Farmers eat the best food, and plenty of it. While the city worker usually eats more tasty food, which, however, contains 27 per cent less energy.

It would take long acquaintance and great skill in gauging character to appraise King Ben fairly. But looking on the prosperous colony here, and considering the size of its bank balance, one feels compelled to admit this much:

King Ben, whiskers and all, is a business executive of high rank.

### Election Cost Republicans \$29,752, Says Report.

Asserting that no money was spent to influence voters in favor of any Republican candidate in the recent election, Roy C. Shanesberger, treasurer of the Republican county central committee, filed an expense account for the convention on Friday with County Clerk Albert Losche.

It showed that \$30,306 was collected through personal contributions or subtreasures. The total expenditure, \$29,752. Expenses for headquarters upkeep and general account of the convention was \$23,062. According to the report \$6,690 was expended for precinct messengers. A balance of \$553.82 remains.

The highest personal contribution was \$250, from H. H. Woodsmal.

### SINGER'S DEBUT TONIGHT

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A new Santuzza will be heard at the Metropolitan Opera House tonight, when Elda Vettori, soprano, of St. Louis, makes her debut in "Cavalleria Rusticana." Born in Italy, Miss Vettori came to America with her parents as a child. She has sung here and abroad and took leading roles in the Metropolitan Opera.

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While the city worker consumed more cereals than the rural citizens, the consumption of meat, eggs, milk, cream, fruit and vegetables by farmers' families is much higher than in cities.

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### Ministers Must Be Versatile Persons

The old saying that a minister is expected to have the strength of an eagle, the grace of a swan, the gentleness of a dove and is to live on the food of a canary, is alas, only too true," the Rev. E. C. Jaberg of Linton, said at the fall session of Reformed Churches of the Indianapolis district Friday at the Carrollton Ave. Reformed Church.

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### RIDPATH RITES MONDAY

Physician Was Brother of Historian and Teacher.

Funeral services for Dr. Henry W. Ridpath, 61, of 1815 N. New Jersey St., will be held Monday at 10 a. m. at Flanner & Buchanan mortuary.

Dr. Ridpath, who died Friday, was the brother of the late John Clark Ridpath, the historian, and Miss Martha Ridpath, widely known teacher in Indiana. Born of Putnam County pioneers, Dr. Ridpath attended De Pauw University and was graduated from Central College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1884.

For six years Dr. Ridpath was secretary of the Marion County board of health. The widow, a son, Raymond Ridpath of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph De Zoy, city, survive.

### LOSES IN 'LITTLE GAME'

By United Press  
MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—Harvey J. Hill of Detroit, said to be head of a hotel company which operates several hotels and a sanitarium at Mt. Clemens, Mich., met John Jackson, a young man, on the train on which he was journeying to Montreal. A little card game resulted and Hill dropped \$100, due, it was claimed, to Jackson's cheating. Jackson, alias Lyon, alias Arnold, was arrested and held in bond of \$1,000. Another man took part in the game, but he left the train before it reached here. A hearing will be held Monday.

Masterly Seamanship of Captain in Use of Anchor Saves Rudderless Steamer—Drifted 150 Miles.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 20.—Several lake steamers which were delayed as the result of the storm that swept Lake Michigan during the past two days, have arrived in port, relieving fears for their safety.

Friday night the Monroe C. Smith, the Samuel Mitchell and D. Morton all pulled into the harbor after having battled the high waves on the lake.

Although a stiff northwest wind continued to sweep across the lake today, marine men declared shipping continued as usual and there was no fear of storms.

The storm abated during the night and most of the vessels that had been delayed were able to steam into the harbor.