

# Helpless Man Near Death after 10-Day Wait by Mother's Body



This was the scene of death and starvation which greeted City policemen Monday night when called to the home of Mrs. Melissa Shattuck, 1337 N. Winter st. The top photo shows the bed on which Walton Shattuck, 42, was found near death of malnutrition and exposure. At lower left is pictured the stove on which decayed food, some of it apparently consumed by Shattuck, was found. At lower right is the closet trunk in which police found more than a \$750 in cash.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Portland Oregonian one day last week ran a picture of the office of Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk, showing a bucket catching the drip from rainwater leaking through the roof. This was not a special or trick shot. The roof of the old building is noted for its sieve-like character, and repeated efforts at repairs have failed.

The defect is typical of the structure which has become quite obsolete for the housing of the state supreme court, a coordinate division of state government. It is wrongly placed to begin with, the heavy volume of rail traffic on 12th street and State streets is most disturbing. Conferences just adjourn while heavy trains rumble by.

An architectural survey was made for the alteration and renovation of the building. The estimated cost in 1949 was \$147,499. I hope that the legislature will not appropriate money for this work but instead will authorize construction of a new supreme court building. Eventually a new building will be required; then the present building could be converted for other uses. To spend at least \$150,000 for rather temporary reconstruction would be largely money thrown away because later the building would need to be remodeled for use as a general office building.

As the work of the court grows, more employes will be needed, such as law clerks. If the court should assume more responsibility for

## \$750 Cash Found In Littered House

By Thomas G. Wright  
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A 79-year-old mother was found dead and her 42-year-old mentally-ill son near death of malnutrition and exposure Monday night in their unheated two-story home at 1337 N. Winter st. Her son, Walton M. Shattuck, was taken to Salem General hospital where his condition remained "extremely critical" early this morning.

The tragic situation was discovered by a neighbor who had become suspicious at not seeing any activity around the house for several days.

C. D. Hawley, who resides at 1305 N. Winter st., adjacent to the Shattuck home, said he became worried about the pair after he had not noticed the woman about for several days and had not seen lights in the house. Monday night shortly after 7 p. m. he decided to investigate and after getting no answer to his knock, checked the mail box. He said a card in the box, postmarked over a week ago, raised his suspicions so he entered the house by a rear door.

### Found Woman Dead

Hawley told police he found the woman dead in her bed and the man half-on, half-off another bed in a comatose condition. Hawley returned to his house, which he rented from Mrs. Shattuck, and called police.

First Aid Captain Charles Charlton who checked Shattuck when he arrived at the house minutes later, said the man probably would have been dead in a half-hour had he not been found. Shattuck was taken to Salem General hospital by first aid ambulance.

Evidence indicated that the son had eaten of decayed food, apparently cooked by his mother before her death. Bits of food were found in several rooms of the house and in the bed where Shattuck had been discovered.

### Governor Refuses to Proclaim Bird Week

DENVER, Nov. 20-(AP)—Acting Gov. Charles P. Murphy refused today to yield to entreaties of bird lovers that he proclaim this national bird week in Colorado.

The republican rancher said, "after all, this is Thanksgiving week, when a lot of turkeys will be killed, and pheasant season opens Sunday. I don't think we ought to discriminate against turkeys and pheasants during bird week."

### THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	37	19
Portland	58	41	20
San Francisco	57	50	21
Chicago	58	51	22
New York	52	50	24

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with few showers today, increasing cloudiness with rain into tonight. High today near 55; low tonight near 40.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since start of weather year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
18.77 8.54 8.49

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



# GIs at Manchuria Border

## Chinese Soldiers Fear U.S.

TOKYO, Nov. 20-(AP)—The shock of allied firepower has demoralized Chinese communist morale in Korea, General MacArthur's headquarters said today.

The word comes from Chinese communist prisoners, who also deny they came to Korea as volunteers, headquarters reported. Red China insists only Chinese "volunteers" are fighting in Korea.

An intelligence spokesman said the statements were gained from interrogating approximately 150 prisoners from one division of the Chinese communist 38th army.

The captives said the army's morale had been high before it was hit by the allied sledgehammer in northwest Korea November 5. Chinese soldiers had not expected anything like this blow, the spokesman said.

In their wars with the Chinese nationalists, the officer observed, the Chinese reds could not have felt the firepower force of "a modern army."

### Low Strafing New

Strafing attacks and fire bombs, the prisoners said, were particularly demoralizing. They said they had been strafed before, in the Chinese civil war, "but never from a low as 50 feet."

Not only did they deny volunteering, the spokesman reported, but they said they did not know any Chinese who did volunteer. They seemed a little surprised by the entire question of "volunteers."

The prisoners said no units in their division of the 38th army were integrated with North Korean troops. This belied another claim of the Peiping radio—that Chinese and North Koreans were fighting shoulder to shoulder.

### Mutual Dislike

Actually, the prisoners added, there was very little contact with the North Koreans and even this much was marked by mutual dislike and suspicion.

The 38th army got no help from North Koreans in maintaining supply lines from the Manchuria side of the Yalu river. Supplies, the prisoners said, were an unexpected problem. They had never encountered complete superiority in the air and the consequent harassment of convoys. Food was always short.

### Early in October

Dates of movements of the 38th army, the spokesman said, show that Communist China began preparing to put Chinese troops into the fight during the first weeks of October.

The army, comprised of three divisions of 9,000 or 10,000 men each and some special units, originated at Changchun, capital of Manchuria. It probably entrained for Mukden about October 10.

In Mukden the troops got winter clothing and some queer instructions. The gear indicated they would be in the field for several months, at least. Among the instructions were orders to destroy all letters or papers identifying them as communist army regulars.

### WINS CAR—BREAKS ANKLE

DENVER, Nov. 20-(AP)—Sgt. N. D. Sanford of Lowry air base was told he had just won an automobile. Letting out a whoop, he dashed from the telephone booth to tell his buddies. Sanford forgot the booth is on a platform. He called for the car today—with a cast on his broken ankle.

### SHIGEMITSU RELEASED

TOKYO, Tuesday, Nov. 21-(AP)—Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japan's wartime foreign minister, was released from Sugamo prison today. He was paroled from a seven-year sentence as a war criminal despite a Russian protest.

## State Interim Tax Board Suggests Cigaret Tax to Pay for Vets' Bonus

More economy in state government and use of a cigaret tax for financing the veterans' bonus were recommended for consideration of the 1951 legislature by the legislative interim committee on taxation at a meeting Monday in Salem.

This was the last meeting of the committee before drafting its report.

Rep. Giles French of Moro previously had suggested a surtax on incomes, tentatively at the rate of 15 per cent, which, he said, would raise approximately \$4,500,000 a year. No action was taken on this suggestion.

It was estimated that a three-cent per cigarette tax would produce \$5,000,000 a year. A previous cigaret tax law in Oregon was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court and many payments under the act had to be refunded by the state tax commission.

There was little opposition to a

## Plan for Lancaster Bypass Route Abandoned; New Road Surveyed

A new truck by-pass highway east of Salem, which would discontinue Lancaster drive as route choice, is under survey by state highway crews.

The new route, survey for which is about half completed, is still in the long range planning stage, according to W. C. Williams, assistant state highway engineer. It is included in the "greater traffic plan for Salem," and plans for its completion are "very tentative."

Striking out southeast from the Pacific highway at Hayesville school (just north of Salem) the proposed route would lie about one-quarter mile west of Lancaster drive. It will pass just west

## Central Reno Floods as River Tops Sandbags

RENO, Nev., Nov. 21-(AP)—A sudden surge of the Truckee river sent millions of gallons of water pouring over hastily erected sandbag walls into downtown Reno this morning.

The river that been building to a climax all day but its sudden rise about 10:30 p. m. forced many theater and night club patrons to wade through water as deep as three feet at places.

### No Established Route

The 200-foot right-of-way would not be located on any established route and will skirt east of McNary field. When the survey is completed, says Williams, the next job would be to purchase property along the right-of-way. He indicated this might begin soon.

Lancaster drive has been eliminated as the main by-pass route because, said Williams, "it is a county road of restricted width and because of its many business houses the expense of widening it would be terrific."

### Free-Way Highway

The new route when completed would, according to prescribed plans, be a four-lane free-way highway. Cloverleaf grade separ-

## Yukon Valley Hospital Burns In Zero Cold

JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 20-(AP)—Scores of patients were evacuated safely today when fire destroyed the Alaska Native Service hospital at Bethel, in the Yukon valley, in zero weather.

None of the patients was injured but one hospital employe was hurt during removal of the invalids.

Hugh Wade, area director for the Alaska native service, said a report received here from Dr. Duncan Chalmers, head of the hospital, said the \$300,000 building was a total loss.

Dr. Chalmers asked for immediate aid in providing suitable quarters for 27 patients deemed in need of immediate hospitalization.

### Morse Brings Oregon Chickens to Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20-(AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) brought his own Oregon fryers to Washington when he returned for the short session of congress.

In a show of his show horse, which he usually brings east with him, the senator loaded his trailer with 21 frying size chickens. He put them on a friend's farm near here, and will kill them as his family hungers for them.

## Corvallis Woman Pleads Innocent To Murder Charge

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 20-(AP)—Mrs. Sigurd Hansen, 53, pleaded innocent today when arraigned before Circuit Judge Fred McHenry on indictment on a charge of first degree murder in the death of her husband.

The husband was found battered and dying in an apartment house garage Sept. 10. Mrs. Hansen was arrested in Eugene Saturday after a secret indictment by the Benton county grand jury.

Judge McHenry set a tentative date of December 12 for her trial. Because of her health, she will be confined at the Multnomah county jail quarters for women until the trial. She had been ordered to a Corvallis hospital Saturday night by a physician who explained Mrs. Hansen long had suffered from high blood pressure.

## Rear Portion Of Rainbow Inn Collapses

A wall, apparently weakened by construction work adjacent to it, collapsed early Tuesday morning tumbling tons of brick and mortar into the rear half of the Rainbow Inn, 163 S. Commercial st.

John Buechler, janitor for the tavern, was the only person in the building where only minutes before several people had been eating and drinking. He was unhurt. The wall collapsed at about 12:30 a. m., half hour after the inn closed for the night.

Concussion, caused when a huge section of the roof dropped, completely shattered one of the plate glass windows at the front of the tavern.

### Wrecking of buildings adjacent to the one where the tavern is located to make way for a parking garage apparently contributed to the weakening of the wall. A section approximately 80 feet long on the south side of the structure collapsed inward on kitchen and storage facilities and filling much of the tavern with debris and dust.

Firemen were called when at first it was feared an explosion had caused the wreckage of the building.

## Ferry Found In Hop Yard Near St. Paul

Claude Smith of St. Paul wishes that whoever owns that 1%&&(!) ferry would come and take it out of his hop yard.

The craft, which rancher Smith says floated into his yard from the Willametta river with the high water about two weeks ago, is real, big-sized stuff. It's sorta old, though.

"It's still floating around out there in one of my low fields," said Smith Monday night. "I'd like to get rid of it." He wrote a letter to the Marion county court asking the court if it claimed the ferry.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy said that all of this county's ferries are accounted for. He said the court didn't know who or what owned the stray ferry.

## Withdrawal of Filipinos in Korea Asked

SEOUL, Nov. 20-(AP)—The commander of 1,200 Philippine troops who volunteered for duty in the Korean war protested officially today that his men were not being used as a single fighting unit and asked that they be withdrawn.

Colonel Mariano Azurin, commander of the Philippine army's 10th combat battalion, also complained that his men were not supplied with winter gear, and that the Korean winter was too cold for the fighters from the tropical Philippines.

Azurin, a graduate of the U.S. armored combat school at Fort Knox, Ky., directed his protest to the Philippine government through the U.S. Eighth army and General MacArthur's United Nations command in Tokyo.

Eighth army sources indicated any decision finally would be made by U.N. command headquarters since the question was an international one.

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Also referred to the legislature was consideration of elimination of exemptions to the personal property tax and change in the method of collections so that all kinds of property would pay. A business tax was discussed in lieu of the personal property exemptions.

The committee report also will recommend legislative consideration of a proposal to repeal property offset provisions of the corporation excise tax law.

Another recommendation provided for a fixed assessment base on which counties must levy for public welfare. Any increase would be restricted to 6 per cent a year.

The legislature also will be asked to study a proposal providing that when measures creating new expense are presented, provision must be suggested for raising the required additional funds.

## Red Units In East Isolated

SEOUL, Tuesday, Nov. 21-(AP)—American forces pushed all the way to the Manchuria border today in northeast Korea where all communist resistance was reported disintegrating.

Acclaiming this success, the Tenth corps commander said the enemy in east and west Korea is divided now, with all "significant" forces in the east isolated. That is the area closest to the Soviet Siberian frontier.

But the Chinese and Korean communists gave multiple signs of intent to put up a big fight in northwest Korea.

### Rear Portion Of Rainbow Inn Collapses

Red truck convoys streamed down from the direction of the Yalu river, boundary between Korea and Manchuria. They moved toward troops fortifying a mountain defense line.

The reds appeared determined to bar United Nations troops in the northwest from pushing toward the Yalu's big Suhoi reservoir. It feeds power to the industries of Chinese communist Manchuria.

### Arrival at the Manchuria border in northeast Korea was achieved near Hyesanjin, 80 air miles inland from the east coast.

The 17th regimental combat team of the U. S. Seventh division reached the Yalu at 9:45 a. m. (4:45 p. m. Monday PST). Opposition Negligible.

Enemy opposition had been virtually negligible since Sunday. The Americans had more trouble with the elements, driving along snow-covered mountain roads into the teeth of wintry winds. They covered the last two miles this morning, bringing tanks and artillery with them.

The combat team's commander, Col. Herbert B. Powell, told AP Correspondent Tom Stone no attempt will be made to fire artillery shells across the Yalu river into Manchuria unless the reds there "fire at us first."

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, whose 10th corps includes the Seventh division, said the completed push has "divided enemy held territory and isolated all significant forces east of 127 degrees, east longitude."

The north-south 127th meridian splits the Korean peninsula, running through Seoul.

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Tenth corps forces also were enveloping two reservoirs southwest of Hyesanjin. Others were driving up the east coast toward the borders of Manchuria and Soviet Siberia.

The South Korean capital division, gathering momentum on the east coast drive, was reported within 25 air miles of the port of Chongjin. The Siberian frontier is 60 air miles beyond Chongjin.

American planes and guns of the U. S. heavy cruiser St. Paul and Destroyer English helped reduce the opposition.

U. S. marines made no report of opposition today as they moved up the east and west shores of the Chongjin reservoir.

Area Liberated.

Gen. Almond said his Tenth corps has liberated 23,000 square miles of territory from the reds in less than a month.

The advance elements of Maj. Gen. David G. Barr's Seventh division at the Manchuria border had to be air-dropped supplies in the last stages of their push. But big convoys of men and supplies were moving up to bulwark that position.

## Withdrawal of Filipinos in Korea Asked

But it was a different outlook—at least for the moment—in northwest Korea. United Nations troops were no closer than 50 miles to the Yalu river boundary. And there were ample signs of trouble ahead.

A first corps spokesman said "A considerable amount of communist vehicular traffic" has been spotted by aerial observers moving southward from the Yalu river.

Bringing Supplies

These convoys were believed bringing reinforcements and supplies for a communist defense line running east from Taechon. The Suhoi power project, one of the largest in all Asia, is 45 air miles northwest of Taechon.

Spotter planes for the U. S. 24th division artillery saw an estimated 700 communists digging defense positions five miles southeast of Taechon.

Another major red force was observed digging positions on high ground about five miles northeast of Yongbyon. That is 16 miles east and slightly south of Taechon.

In that vicinity, a U. S. First cavalry division element was driven back by an estimated 400 reds. Artillery planes reported a considerable larger communist force was nearby. Two air strikes were delivered against these reds late Monday.

MATTHEWS IN KOREA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20-(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Francis B. Matthews flew from Japan to Korea yesterday for an inspection of naval forces off Wonsan, the navy announced.