



THAT SHE BLOWS!—Throwing a gaseous, salt-water mixture skyward with tremendous force, the United Gas and Pipeline Co. well at Flowood keeps on blowing following earlier explosion. The photo above was snapped some ten minutes after the 1 p. m. blast Sunday. (Staff photo by Ralph Atkinson)

Flowood Has Noisy Geyser In Salt Well

By JOHN WILLS

Salt water mixed with some natural gas was blowing hundreds of feet into the air Sunday afternoon in Flowood, following the accidental blowing of the United Gas and Pipeline Co. No. 3 shortly after 1 p. m.

No injuries were reported among the employees of the McDowell and Cook Drilling Co., who were working at the well, and no immediate danger was foreseen for the surrounding area just west of a Flowood residential area.

Late Sunday afternoon, officials of the United Gas and Pipeline Company, owners of the well, were still waiting on developments before announcing what steps would be taken to halt the flow of water and gas which was shooting with tremendous pressure from the derrick which had been used by the drilling company.

However, according to R. M. Hearin, Jackson Division manager of the United Gas and Pipeline Company, plans were being made to kill the well. What method would be used to stop the flow was not announced.

Officials estimated that the flow from the well was approximately 80 to 85 percent salt water, with only a small amount of natural gas mixed with it.

Opinion was expressed by some officials that the flow might stop on its own will, or might continue for an indefinite period.

Diapers Are Problem At Base In Morocco

RABAT, French Morocco, Sept. 18 (AP)—One of the problems worrying Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Glantzberg, commander of the U. S. 17th Air Force, is a highly unromantic one—diapers.

The general is pushing a program to provide as many Air Force families as possible on the big air bases to keep them away from trouble if more violence should break out in Morocco.

To get the job done he has ordered hundreds of trailers. Trouble is, running water has not yet been brought to all of them. The general has experts working on the problem.

Families of Americans working on the base include 7,200 women and children, most of whom live in houses or apartments outside the camps.

Italian Communist Leader Quits, Asks God's Enlightenment

ROME, Sept. 18 (AP)—Giuseppe Fazio, who was head of the secretary of the Communist Farmers Union, has quit the Communist party and asked "God to enlighten those who still believe in Communist ideologies."

In a letter to Rome newspapers, Fazio said he felt the party because it "betrays the interests of the working class."

Mystery Arsons Hide Their Purpose

Three Big Ones In River Plata, With Others Coming In

By ROMAN JIMENEZ

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Sept. 18 (INS)—Three large warehouses stacked up the broad River Plata on a mystery mission today amid reiterated threats from Argentine rebels to monitor Buenos Aires.

Presumably part of Argentina's ocean-going navy, they were sighted some 15 miles offshore from this Uruguayan capital and 120 miles east of Buenos Aires. A rebel river fleet has been waiting in the Plata, a huge estuary, apparently for a rendezvous with heavier-armed ships.

President Juan D. Peron's government, ridiculing rebel claims and threats alike as "alarms and falsehoods," took steps to restrict the flow of information from his capital, where artillery batteries and warplanes stood guard.

Telephone service was interrupted in Montevideo and correspondents in Buenos Aires were permitted to cable out only communications of their own. Information on developments in the two-day-old rebellion. But rebel stations heard abroad carried on the airwaves, rounding out the picture dimmed by the partial blackout.

Two despatches of the rebel set for the resignation of Peron—first 6 a. m. and then noon—passed without incident.

The official Montevideo port watch sighted the three large warships at Recalada Ponton in the middle of the river.

Ten smaller ships and a submarine of the rebel river force have been hovering in the area, apparently awaiting the arrival of the Argentine fleet to proceed to Buenos Aires.

A rebel radio broadcast here on Monday said other official reports of Buenos Aires to keep away from the city's waterfront because they are "not to be bombed or shelled at any time."

Earlier rebel radio broadcasts declared a blockade of Argentine ports and said Argentina's ocean-going fleet would rendezvous with the rebel river fleet in the mouth of the River Plata for the assault on Buenos Aires.

Naval experts in Montevideo said the rebel fleet could bombard the city.

Summer Stays On At Chicago Where Temp Goes Up To 92

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (INS)—The temperature in Chicago today hit 91.8 degrees at 2 p. m. today, the city's hottest Sept. 18th on record.

The weather bureau said the previous high for the date was 91.8 degrees, set in 1953.

Today also is the 48th day this year that the temperature has reached 90.

Paris Bus Strike Goes Into 4th Day

PARIS, Sept. 18 (AP)—Paris busmen remained idle for the fourth day today and only a few subway employees reported for work.

Only a few trains circulated and many streets were closed.

Paris' public transport workers are demanding a 15 per cent boost or about 5,000 francs—\$14.28 more a month. The company has offered only a third of that.

Gurgle Was First Hint of Gas Blast

By RALPH ATKINSON

The roar of the racketing well was deafening. Luckily there was no fire at the moment, for a huge blowout tank is located only feet from the derrick.

The men, who identified themselves as A. E. Matthews, C. R. Hummerys, J. E. Price, and J. H. Donald, escaped injury in the blast.

Residents of Flowood, living a half mile from the rig, stated that the force of the explosion shook the ground at their homes. No property damage was reported, however. The derrick is located a short distance from the main road into Flowood.

When asked if there was any warning of the danger of an explosion, a rigger replied: "The only warning was a quiet gurgling noise that sounded like an open valve." Company officials watching the blowing speculated that the pressure would subside, but they were not to be so sure.

Meanwhile, Flowood residents continued to gather at a safe distance—to watch a show that almost put Old Faithful to shame.

Storm Hurtes Up Coast; New England May Get It

White Folks Help Widow Negro's Funeral At Summer Takes Spotlight From Trial

By JAY MILNER
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

SUMNER—Federal services for a Negro man who was a town favorite took the spotlight away from the internationally publicized "wolf-whistle" murder trial in this Delta community Sunday.

As newsmen, television camera men and newspaper writers from throughout the nation hustled about getting pre-ripping pictures and sound bites of Monday afternoon church and the afternoon funeral of Kid Townsend, a 60-year-old Negro, died Friday after a heart attack.

Pete Campbell, a city employee, served as chairman of an unofficial committee for collecting food and money from white people for Townsend's widow.

The Negro woman said tears of gratitude when the money and food were delivered to her. The funeral, held at a Negro church, just outside of town, was attended by many white residents of the community. They sat in a special section of the church reserved for them.

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Tides Run High, Rains Torrential

125-Mile Winds Sweeping Area

WASHINGTON, N.C., Sept. 18 (INS)—High tides and torrential rains, whipped by the 125 MPH winds of the greatest Atlantic tropical storm of the year, battered the North Carolina coast tonight as Hurricane Ione shrieked towards the mainland.

At 8 p. m. Ione was located about 160 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N.C., traveling at a 15 MPH clip.

The Miami weather bureau ordered a hurricane alert, already in effect as far north as Atlantic City, N.J., extended as far north as Provincetown, Mass.

Labelled the "biggest thing this year" by Gordon Dunn, head of the hurricane warning center in Miami, the year's ninth tropical storm was barreling towards the same central area where Hurricanes Connie and Diane first hit land.

Forecaster Walter Davis said, "If Ione continues on her present course, it is likely she will hit in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras somewhere around 2 a. m. (EST)."

Dunn said Ione may lose some force gradually once the storm crosses over land but that it will still carry a punch for "quite a distance and there will be heavy rain."

Till Nearly Missed His Fatal Journey To Land Of Cotton

By ARTHUR EVERETT

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Tampico Gets Storm Brunt

BURNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—Hurricane Hilda struck a large island off the Mexican coast tonight below Tampico, Mexico, and deluged that flood-stricken city with new cloudbursts.

The fringe of the storm sent high tides and ground swells roaring over beach roads as far north as Corpus Christi, Tex.

Hilda, packing winds of about 115 m.p.h., struck Isla de Lobos mid-struck between Tampico and Tuxpan at 6:30 p. m., the Mexican weather bureau reported.

The area is sparsely populated and little damage is expected from the winds.

However, the hurricane triggered torrential rains which sent panic-stricken residents of Tampico to high ground or the taller buildings. The Panuco River already was at flood stage from tropical storm Glady's rains of two weeks ago and the city was packed with refugees from outlying sections.

Officials said today's rain had raised the river level another 5 feet and was expected to go another 3 feet or so higher tonight and tomorrow.

Bomb Rips Residence Of Damascus Judge

DAMASCUS, Syria, Sept. 18 (AP)—A bomb exploded today at the home of the military examining judge investigating the murder last April of Adnan Malki, deputy army chief of staff. The house was damaged but there were no casualties.

The judge, Jallal Akil, is handling the case filed against the Syrian Socialist National party, which is accused of planning the assassination of Col. Malki.

Postmaster Onion

UPWELL, England, Sept. 18 (AP)—In 1953, Mrs. Louise Hutchinson lost control of her car while picking strawberries in her garden. The other day her husband dug up an onion with the ring imbedded in it.

John Bell Williams Leaves For Europe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—Congressman John Bell Williams left Jackson for Washington Saturday for hearings this week by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee on the President's cabinet transportation report.

Following the hearings the Transportation and communications Subcommittee, of which Congressman Williams is a member, will leave September 23 for California on the first leg of an official trip to Europe, followed by a visit behind the Iron Curtain.

The delegation will fly the North Pacific route to Europe, arriving in Copenhagen on the first stop.

A number of European countries will be visited and the committee's inspection studies cover development of commercial jet aviation, television, shale oil production and experiences in the use of Salt Lake vaccine.

In the Netherlands the group will attend the meeting of the international Civil Aviation Organization.

The return to the States is scheduled about November 1.

Congressman Williams' offices in Washington and Raymond will be open under a regular staff during his absence.



