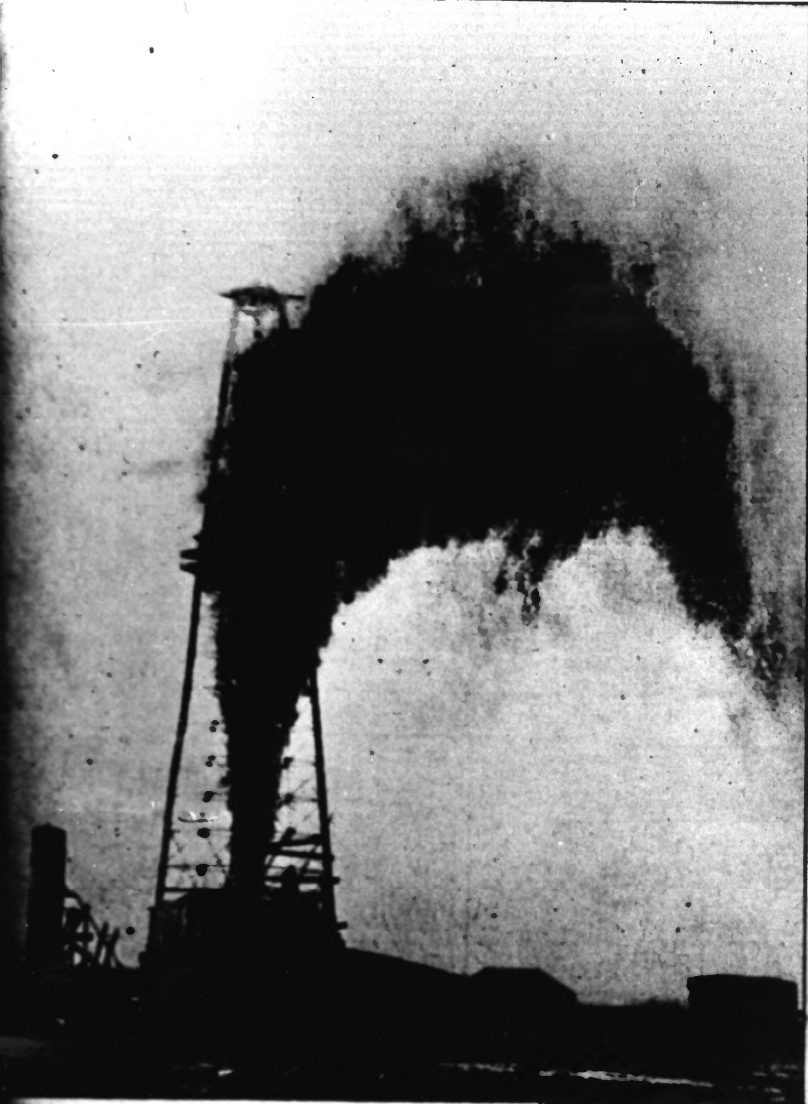


HERE'S OUR GUSHER!



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CITY WELL HURLS 'LIQUID GOLD' HIGH OVER OIL DERRICK

RAIL REMOVAL PACT SIGNED BY ONE LINE

The railway track removal contract was signed in Chicago Tuesday by President Chairman of the Rock Island Railway Co. according to a telegram received from E. M. Fry, city manager, by Mayor Dixon.

The legal representatives of the Prince railway also agreed to the terms of the contract, but they were not authorized to sign.

Fry said he expected Prince officials to sign in St. Louis Wednesday.

The Rock Island engineers feared the city representatives that their tracks would be removed with in two years and the Prince set its limit at one year.

Rock Island officials pointed out that they thought they could complete the job within 15 months and the Prince legal representatives were sure that they could finish their work in 18 to 24 months.

Coming in with a roar that could be heard several miles, the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil and Foster Petroleum Companies' deep well south of Capitol Hill, blew in at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

A half-hour later it was still running wild, and oil was being sprayed as far south as the section-line road, spattering automobiles and venturesome curious folk who ventured close enough to get a view or a kodak picture.

The well was estimated good for 5,000 to 6,000 barrels a day by company officials and drillers. However, no attempt was made to take a gauge, because of the volume of oil and gas.

Drillers are of the opinion that the gas blew out the bridge. The tools are lodged at top of the hole. The bridge has been hung at 2,500 feet since Thursday noon, when concrete was drilled through at 6,356 feet. Total depth of the hole is 6,402 feet, in the Simpson sand.

Housing around the derrick floor was damaged when the gusher blew in, but none of the workmen was injured. There were but a few workmen on the lease at the time.

Drillers had just come out of the hole with the fishing spear. They had been attempting to remove the obstruction at 2,500 feet where it had been hung since Thursday noon. Until early Tuesday the fishing job appeared to be almost hopeless, but by consistent pounding the bridge had been moved several feet lower. Several masses of wire had been fished out during the day, and drillers were rushing work in order to clear up the job by night if possible.

The oil is a light green in color and frothing as it came from the hole. It is estimated that it will be high gravity, since oil seeping through the bridge last week tested 59.1 gravity corrected at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Just how big a well the gusher will make is anyone's guess at this time. No attempt will be made to gauge either the oil or gas until the flow has been turned into the tanks and the wild flow brought under control.

About a dozen automobiles were parked on the road south of the well when the big flow came. The wind caught the light "liquid gold" and spattered them. Drivers put their shoulders to the rear end and started pushing them out of the way. Three cars were caught in the "big blast" and were unable to be moved because of the gas fumes.

A snarl of excited motorists...

Coach Beary, Nebraska, Resigns

LONDON, Neb., Dec. 4.—Coach Beary of the University of Nebraska resigned his position as head football coach of the university, Beary's contract expires next September 1.

In his letter to Dean Thompson, chairman of the board, he said he would not consider re-election.

Thompson declared the notice came as a surprise. He also said the board had the idea why Beary's successor would be.

POLICE GRAFT IN CAR SALES IS PROBED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—(P.)—Investigation of an alleged system of profiting by police officials and city hall detectives in the sale of unlicensed motor automobiles...

GIRLS HIT HIGHWAY FOR 120-MILE TRIP

NORMAN, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—A hundred and twenty girls ran for a mile and a half and then were taken to the highway...

State Support of United Humanitarian Program Is Suggested by Wentz

Success of Legislation For Crippled Children Could Be Carried Into Other Activities, He Says.

A national survey of educational opportunities with the view of...

OLD CHICAGO BANKS WILL MERGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(P.)—The Trust Company and the Commercial Bank of Chicago...

AGED WOMAN IS KILLED IN CAR CRASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—An 80-year-old woman was killed when her car crashed into a building...

Bulletins

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OKLAHOMA CITY OIL FIELD

OKLAHOMA CITY OIL AND GAS FIELD DISCOVERY WELL BROUGHT IN DECEMBER 4, 1928, APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF THIS MARKER.

FROM SUCH BEGINNING, SPRAWLING OKLAHOMA CITY OIL AND GAS FIELD BECAME ONE OF WORLD'S MAJOR OIL PRODUCING AREAS, RANKING EIGHTH IN NATION DURING FIRST FORTY YEARS OF EXISTENCE. IN THIS TIME FIELD YIELDED 733,543,000 BARRELS OF OIL.

DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF OKLAHOMA CITY OIL FIELD ADDED GREAT STABILITY TO ECONOMY OF BOTH OKLAHOMA CITY AND STATE OF OKLAHOMA--PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR CULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

IN TAPPING PROLIFIC WILCOX PRODUCING ZONE MARCH 25, 1930, MARY SUDIK NO. 1 WELL BLEW WILD FOR MORE THAN 11 DAYS, THEREBY DISTINGUISHING ITSELF AS "MOST PUBLICIZED OIL WELL IN WORLD."

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF FIELD AND PROBLEMS CREATED THEREBY SPARKED PASSAGE OF FIRST COMPREHENSIVE STATE LEGISLATION FOR CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS, THUS PROVIDING MODEL STATUTES FOR OTHER STATES TO FOLLOW.

TO REACH OIL RESERVES UNDERLYING OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, ONE WELL WAS SLANT-DRILLED FROM ACROSS STREET TO OIL SANDS BENEATH CAPITOL.

DISCOVERY WELL AND WILD MARY SUDIKS WERE BOTH DRILLED BY INDIAN TERRITORY ILLUMINATING OIL CO. AN AFFILIATE OF CITIES SERVICE OIL CO. AND BY FOSTER PETROLEUM CO.

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Official "Oklahoma City
Oil Field" historical marker
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to the Capital