The following lines appear in Naomi Shahib Nye’s poem Blood. Read the poem in its entirety, and then answer the questions that follow about the metaphor contained in this line.

*Today the headlines clot in my blood.*

What is this metaphor referring to within the context of the poem?
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How is this description different from saying simply that the headlines shock me?
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How is this description different from saying that her blood runs like molasses?
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Describe how and why this metaphor works.
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What makes this an effective metaphor and why?
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