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The great fire of natural gas in the Sahara may soon be put out. It's raged since last November, and every 24 hours 100 million cubic feet of gas have roared away in a desert fury.

Twisted and melted metal are all that's left of the original derrick. Intense heat has to be overcome by the famous oil-fire fighter Red Adair and his American crew. Their battle with the stupendous blaze is at last within sight of the final stage. They first had to sink a well for water.

As soon the derrick metal was no longer red hot it was got out of the way.

Two wells were drilled diagonally through the rock and water-layer, and mud pumped down to lessen the gas pressure. Finally, explosive will be detonated over the fire to blow it out. They hope that by that well-tried method the fire will be quenched.