

Minister Lemaire visits Sahara oil wells.
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Mr. Lemaire, French Minister for Industry and Commerce is at present visiting the Sahara desert oil wells, to study the Government's plan to make further research and begin exploitation of the Algerian oil resources.

Arriving by plane from Algiers Saturday, Mr. Maurice Lemaire who was accompanied by Mr. Robert Lacoste Minister-resident in Algeria, visited at OUARGLA, the G.M.I oil well where he witnessed the first gas spring in this ~~xxxx~~ forage settlement.

After listening to details from engineers working on the large oil projects in this area, Mr. Lemaire continued his visit by another site (Mr. 107) and witnessed another gas springing at Well Nr. 105. At present oil is springing from six wells, and it is planned to make 150 more drillings in the same area.

Meanwhile researches are going on, and the hopes of large supplies of oil from the Sahara desert are rapidly rising to become a certainty for the years to come. In the face of recent oil shortage and crisis due to the closing of the Suez Canal France is making great efforts towards a national production which would, with time, help in freeing her economy from a large part of her foreign supplies, at least it is hoped that it will help not having to rely entirely on Near East oil in the future.