

Bordeaux, France.—President Poincare and his cabinet met in the temporary capital today for the first time and considered reports of conditions at the front.

Washington.—Ambassador Chinda of Japan was informed today that his request that Ambassador Gerard intercede in behalf of fifty Japanese jailed in Berlin has been sent to the American diplomat.

Paris.—German aviators flying over Belfort failed again in an attempt to destroy dirigible and aeroplane hangars. Dropped three bombs, but all exploded without doing any damage.

Paris.—Germans plan to take Leon, then Rheims and then make the big try for the capture of Paris.

Petrograd.—Russian army in Eastern Prussia holding its own against German forces.

London.—Six German torpedo boats have arrived in Kiel, badly damaged. Believed they were part of fleet in battle off Heligoland.

London.—Reported torpedo gunboat Speedy has been sunk by mine in North Sea. Five sailors killed.

Berlin, via The Hague.—News that Paris is actually invested by Germans expected hourly. French crushed near Verdun by 750,000 Germans in main battle line.

Paris, Sept. 4.—It is considered certain here today that the German attacking columns are already within a few miles of the outer ring of Paris forts. No civilians are permitted within the military district proper.

The only information made public is the statement that the allied forces now hold the "line of the third defense." Whether this means that the base of the French-British forces begins on a line east and west from the first chain of forts, or is some ten or twelve miles further north is known only to Gen. Gallieni and his staff.

The general maintains his confidence that the city can hold out for an indefinite period and he has his troops at their positions waiting the German attack.

One of the striking events of the last few hours has been the issuance of a manifesto by the Socialist leaders calling on all members of the party, and all citizens in general, to perform their duty in defense of Paris to the last.

The Socialist leaders have all volunteered to perform any service that Gen. Gallieni may assign to them. That is the general spirit of all Frenchmen now in the former capital.

Suggestions that the city may eventually be surrendered find no credence here. General Gallieni has every confidence in the strength of his forts. Their guns, all of the latest type, are so mounted that it would be impossible for the Germans to mount their siege artillery close enough to smother their fire.

The spirit of every one here, soldiers as well as civilians, is one of utter defiance toward the German invaders.

The city continues tranquil, with those remaining here performing their ordinary duties without any display of fear. The military are of course in complete charge and every one passing in or out of the city