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Fear invades French people!

The German national socialist leader Adolf Hitler is rearming Germany. The Nazi leader gave a major speech in Germany announcing that the final move of German forces arrived at the Rhineland.

Before and during the war there was tension between Germany and our country. At that time, the German army was a symbol of German pride so we felt threatened because we had been defeated before in the Franco Prussian war and lost the industrial territory of Alsace- Lorraine. We regained this territory after WWI, when, in 1919 the treaty of Versailles was signed. In the treaty of Versailles we obviously tried to punish Germany as harsh as possible so that they couldn't be able to recover, in part, this was because of fear and revenge.

In 1925 Germany accepted, in the Locarno treaties, its borders and that the Rhineland would remain a demilitarized zone. This was really good news for us, because it showed that Germany was a peace loving country and would not try to invade our territory. However, we did not trust them very much, so we signed a treaty with the USSR to protect each other if Germany attacked any of us.

However, Germany's leader when this treaty was signed was Gustav Stresemann who had different political ideas compared to the actual German leader, Hitler. He didn't agree with the Locarno treaties or the treaty of Versailles. He's plans were to remilitarize the area of the Rhineland and rearm Germany secretly. We know that Hitler took big risks by sending troops to the Rhineland, and when this information came to us through the League of Nations we were divided on what to do. Hitler chose the right time to play his gamble, because we were pretty busy with the Abyssinian crisis which was happening at the same time. This preoccupies us, but we can't really do anything about it at this point.