

## JAGGED GERMANY

### Chapter 26: 'Nassau-class' battleship

"Father, the expansion of the shipyard, the addition of large berths, and the recruitment of enough skilled workers and engineers will also require a lot of money. A conservative estimate will also require about 120 million marks. This money is also It's an astronomical sum. If my father can lend me the money, then I will consider taking over the Royal Shipyard." Qin Tian said.

Since taking over the Royal Shipyard has become a foregone conclusion, Qin Tian naturally hopes to get as many benefits as possible.

"120 million marks? Do you want that much?" William II frowned.

"Of course, if I take over the Royal Shipyard, I plan to build eight berths capable of building warships of more than 30,000 tons. And add some small and medium-sized berths. These will cost a lot of money." Qin Tian said.

"Eight slipways for building battleships over 30,000 tons? Even several other large shipyards don't have so many large slipways! Also, is it necessary for a slipway of over 30,000 tons?" William II dared not Believe.

After all, the current battleships generally have a displacement of less than 20,000 tons. Even this new type of battleship designed by Qin Tian has a displacement of just 20,000 tons. In the view of William II, the construction of a slipway of more than 30,000 tons is a waste at all.

"Father, with the continuous development of technology, the power of large-caliber artillery will become more and more powerful. In order to deploy larger-caliber artillery, thicker armor has been installed, and the displacement of battleships will naturally continue to increase. A battleship with a displacement of more than 30,000 tons seems huge. But I believe that in at most ten years, all major powers will build battleships with this displacement. Therefore, we

must make preparations early. Upgrading the berth in a hurry, wasting a lot of time." Qin Tian said.

All he did was naturally for the German Navy and Germany's ability to win future wars. Strengthening the strength of the German navy as much as possible will give the German navy a greater chance of winning in future naval battles.

William II hesitated for a moment, and finally nodded: "Well, I will transfer 120 million marks to you from the wealth owned by the royal family. Counting the transfer of 50 million marks from the Royal Shipyard Fees, a total of 170 million marks. Pay it off within three years, plus interest, a total of 200 million marks. You have no objection to this point?"

Although 200 million marks is not a lot, to Qin Tian, it is only a year's profit of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company. What's more, Qin Tian's future industry will not only have the German Welfare Lottery Company. After finishing his work in the shipyard, he will start investing in other fields. In his view, the early twentieth century, although very backward. But here too, opportunities abound. There are many opportunities to make money.

"Okay, Oscar, then we've made a deal. I'll get the lawyer to write the agreement as soon as possible, and help you with the relevant procedures." William II smiled. It made him very happy to be able to throw the Royal Shipyard out.

However, Qin Tian immediately thought of another idea.

"Father, what do you think of the battleship I designed this time? If after completion, the data is not much different from my design data, can it become the next main battleship of the German Navy?" Qin Tian asked.

William II nodded: "Of course, although the Naval Technical Committee rejected your design, I think your design still has many merits. If the battleship

built can really meet the data on paper, That is much more powerful than the existing battleships of the German Navy, and as a battleship of the next level of the Navy, it is completely possible."

Qin Tian nodded, and then laughed happily.

"Father, let's do this. Anyway, I owe you 170 million marks. If you count it as interest, it's a full 200 million marks. Let my shipyard build four battleships for you! I have paid off all the money I owe you." Qin Tian smiled.

"Ah!" William II was taken aback for a moment, but he didn't expect Qin Tian to still have this idea.

But he immediately frowned. The next-level battleship of the navy is very important. How could it be easily handed over to Qin Tian's shipyard? Even if Qin Tian will invest huge sums of money in the shipyard, it still cannot change the fact that the Royal Shipyard is just a medium-sized shipyard. Even if the scale is expanded, it still lacks experience in building battleships. Besides, the construction of the navy's capital ship is a matter of great importance, and the design has taken into account the interests of major shipyards, as well as internal interests and so on. If William II did that, it would inevitably arouse strong opposition from those with vested interests. At that time, there will definitely be big problems.

"Father, the Royal Shipyard has been losing money. If there are not enough orders, even if I spend a lot of money to expand the scale, it will be closed due to heavy losses. As for the Naval Technical Committee and other shipyards If they see how good the battleships we built are, what will they have to say? More importantly, this will save us a lot of time in catching up with the British.

In addition, Father Emperor. The Naval Technical Committee is now dead. Although I don't deny that in those years when the German Navy developed rapidly, the Naval Technical Committee played a very important

role. But now, their experience is outdated and still stuck in the last century. This is very detrimental to the future development of the German Imperial Navy. If the navy uses the battleship built by my shipyard as the capital ship of the next level, this is also a lesson for them. "

Qin Tian earnestly persuaded. In order to get enough orders for his shipyard, Qin Tian also tried his best.

King William II considered for a while, and finally nodded. He is also somewhat dissatisfied with the performance of the Naval Technical Committee in recent years.

"Okay, Oscar, let's do as you say! However, the prerequisite is that the performance of the battleships built by your shipyard must be the same as the data you promised, at least not too different. Otherwise, I won't Receive those battleships!" William II said with a serious face.

If the battleships built by Qin Tian are rubbish, they will naturally not be able to serve in the German Navy and become a burden to the fleet.

"Don't worry, father, there is absolutely no problem." Qin Tian assured, patting his chest.

Subsequently, Qin Tian asked William II to name the new battleship. William II thought about it and named it the "Nassau-class" battleship.