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Chapter 121: army backlash

"Tirpitz, I personally have no objection to the establishment of the Marine Corps by the Navy. However, the Army will definitely have a very big opinion. The current international relations are very tense, and a war may break out at any time. It is hoped that the army and navy can cooperate sincerely instead of having conflicts." William II said.

William II was most worried about this. If the military strength of Germany was affected because of the relationship between the army and the navy, it would be unacceptable to him.

"Your Majesty, such a situation should not happen, right? We established the Marine Corps for the sake of the empire's future wars, not to compete for power with the navy. If the army cares about this, it would be too lacking in the overall situation." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said in a deep voice.

"Yes! Father. Everything we do is for the German Empire to win in future wars. This is the most important thing. In contrast, everything else can be put down. I believe that the Army will not You will be so ignorant." Qin Tian also said.

King William II felt a little depressed. Based on his understanding of Little Maoqi, Little Maoqi was really such an ignorant person.

At the same time, William II also realized that Qin Tian and Marshal Earl Tirpitz really posed a problem for him this time!

"Your Majesty, the Marine Corps we plan to build is not large, no more than five divisions at most. Compared with the army's dozens of divisions, the Marine Corps is not worth worrying about at all." Tirpitz The Earl Marshal continued.

"Five divisions?" William II frowned, he didn't think this was a small number. With the current establishment of the German Army, there are more than 80,000 people in five divisions. Of course, this pales in comparison to the Army. Once the war starts, the German Army will pull up a force with hundreds of infantry divisions at the first time, and will further expand later to increase the total strength of the army to more than 200 divisions.

"Tirpitz, Oscar, I will consider this matter. I will give you an answer tomorrow afternoon." William II said. He didn't rush to answer, he needed to listen to the opinion of the army.

"Yes, Your Majesty (Royal Father)." Marshal Earl Tirpitz and Qin Tian did not think that William II would be able to give them an answer right away.

After Qin Tian and Marshal Earl Tirpitz left, Wilhelm II asked Essen von Jonareit to disclose the news to the army, and to see their reactions before making a decision.

The Chief of Staff of the German Army, Mao Qi, has long regarded curbing Qin Tian's development in the army as one of his top priorities. Now that we know that Qin Tian actually encouraged the navy to establish a marine corps, is it still worth it?

"Damn it, what are they trying to do? Are they going to break the convention? It's okay for that brat Oscar to be ignorant, but why is that guy Tirpitz following suit? Could it be that mastering the navy is not enough for him, and he wants to Build a ground force to challenge the army?" Little Maoqi was furious at this.

Even though Marshal Earl Tirpitz is the Minister of the Navy, Little Moltke has always believed that his status is a head higher than Tirpitz. So he sees the Navy's attempt to build up the Marine Corps as a challenge to him. This is

undoubtedly absolutely unacceptable to Xiao Moqi. People like him value status, power, and reputation more than anything else.

"No, absolutely cannot make their plan succeed. Otherwise, there will be no way to contain that kid." Little Moqi made up his mind in an instant.

Although, as the crown prince, Qin Tian has a respected status. But little Maoqi was not willing to give in because of this. In the current empire, William II still has the final say. With the relationship between little Mao Qi and William II, even if Qin Tian is the crown prince, he can't do anything to him. What's more, William II is in the prime of life, and his health is also very good. It is not a problem at all to live another ten or twenty years. Therefore, Xiao Moqi is still very confident about his future. He didn't think that Qin Tian could inherit the throne anytime soon. This made him even more unscrupulous in the confrontation with Qin Tian.

"Come here, go and invite His Excellency von Falkenhain and General Walderser." Little Maoqi ordered.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Chief of Staff." The secretary immediately went to make arrangements.

In less than half an hour, Minister of War von Falkenhain and Deputy Chief of Staff General Waldsee arrived at Little Moltke's office.

"You two, I just learned a very bad news, which is related to the vital interests of our army. Therefore, I hope that everyone can put aside their prejudices and unite for the benefit of the army." Xiao Maoqi looked Said seriously.

"Your Excellency, Chief of the General Staff, what happened?" Von Falkenhain asked. The conflict between him and Little Mao Qi has almost become public. Although little Maoqi still occupies the dominant position, but after relying on Qin Tian, von Falkenhain is not afraid of little Maoqi at all.

General Waldsee was also very curious, and didn't understand what happened to make Xiao Moqi so serious.

"The navy plans to form a marine corps, which is a ground force. Although it is said to be responsible for landing operations in name, everyone knows that it is simply to compete with us for interests. Therefore, this time we absolutely cannot Back off. The navy is responsible for the battle on the sea. The battle on the ground should be handed over to our army!" Xiao Maoqi said.

"Marines?" General Von Falkenhain and Waldsee were equally stunned. It was also the first time they got the news. Of course, they also believe that this will be a major challenge to the interests of the Army.

"You two, what's your opinion?" Little Mao Qi looked at von Falkenhain, waiting for his answer. After all, in the army, von Falkenhain was on Qin Tian's side.

"There is no doubt that the Army is the only ground force of the Empire. There is no need for the Navy to establish a Marine Corps." Von Falkenhain said. As the Minister of the Army, if he doesn't want his subordinates to lose confidence in him, he must consider this issue from the Army's standpoint.

Little Mao Qi nodded in satisfaction. It would be great if von Falkenhain could be so knowledgeable.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, I also think that we should prevent the establishment of the Marine Corps." General Waldzer also said.

On this issue, the top brass of the German Army have reached an agreement.

Chapter 122: Emperor's support

The next morning, Moltke Jr., von Falkenhain, and Waldsee went to the palace together to show William II the attitude of the army in the marine corps.

"Your Majesty, it is absolutely unacceptable for the navy to try to form a ground force. This breaks the long-standing practice. All along, the ground force of the German Empire has been formed and managed by the army. If the navy intervenes, it will inevitably lead to confusion in management. Not only will it cause a waste of resources, but it will also cause great dissatisfaction in the army. Therefore, I implore Your Majesty to veto the navy's proposal." Xiao Maoqi talked eloquently, listing the formation of the Marine Corps. The disadvantages of the plan require William II to directly veto the proposal of the navy.

William II's face also became serious, although he had already guessed that the navy's attitude would be very tough. However, he found that he still underestimated the determination of the army in this regard.

"Is this the opinion of the entire army?" William II asked.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Little Maoqi replied immediately.

King Wilhelm II looked at von Falkenhain and Waldsee.

"Your Majesty, I also don't think it is necessary to establish the Marine Corps." Von Falkenhain said.

"Your Majesty, landing warfare is no stranger to the Imperial Army. We can conduct special training in this area. Therefore, the Navy doesn't have to bother to build a new force alone." General Waldsee said.

King William II nodded. He had an intuitive understanding of the Army's opinion. Since these important leaders of the army have clearly expressed their opposition, this undoubtedly represents the opinion of the entire army.

However, William II also had his own ideas. The conflict between Xiao Maoqi and Qin Tian has become more and more acute now, which is very unfavorable for gathering the power of Germany and winning future wars. What's more, William II didn't want Qin Tian to succeed to the throne without

the support of the army after his death. William II could also understand Qin Tian's mood. It was precisely because of this reason that Qin Tian would find another way, hoping to expand his influence in the army.

Little Mao Qi couldn't help showing a smile on his face when he saw this situation. He believes that even William II will not object when the army is united. After all, the German Empire was built with a strong army. The army has the greatest influence in the empire. Even the emperor had to consider the opinion of the army.

"Everyone, I can understand your feelings. However, in my opinion, the navy does not seem to challenge the army. The navy hopes to establish a professional landing combat force so that when it lands in the UK in the future, it can Reduce casualties as much as possible. This is undoubtedly very beneficial to the empire." William II said.

After William II said these words, the faces of Moltke, von Falkenhain, and Waldsee suddenly changed. Before, they thought that William II would be on their side when the army was united. But now it seems that William II's attitude has changed, and he is obviously inclined to the navy. And this will undoubtedly make things change a lot.

"Your Majesty, if the Navy has the funds to form the Marine Corps, it is better to invest these funds in the construction of warships. After all, the Royal Navy must be defeated before they can land on the British mainland. Now, the Navy has not even done this. It's too arrogant to start talking about planning to land in the British mainland." Xiao Maoqi blurted out after thinking about it.

William II's complexion suddenly became a little ugly. The German navy can be said to have developed and grown under the hands of William II. He has always counted this as one of his greatest exploits. But now, Little Mao Qi actually laughed at the German navy's inability to defeat the British Royal Navy, which was undoubtedly unacceptable to William II. If it wasn't for little

Mao Qi being his best friend, William II would have turned his back on him long ago.

After Xiao Moqi finished speaking, he also realized his mistake. But the words spoken are like water poured out, how can we take them back?

Von Falkenhain and General Waldsee both grumbled inwardly.

"Let's listen to the opinions of the navy first, and then talk about it!" William II said with a straight face.

When the three of Xiao Maoqi went to the palace, Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz also received the news, and they also rushed to the palace. Both of them knew that the establishment of the Marine Corps depended on William II's decision today. After receiving the order to summon William II, the two arrived at William II's office in just a few minutes.

"Tirpitz, the Army strongly opposes the establishment of the Marine Corps by the Navy. Do you have any opinion on this?" William II asked blankly.

"Your Majesty, the formation of the Marine Corps is the navy's own business. It seems that there is no need to listen to the army's opinion." Tirpitz's attitude was also very tough.

"Tirpitz, how can you say that? You are breaking the rules. If the army also builds a fleet, what will the navy think?" Little Mao Qi was furious.

"Does the Army want to build a fleet? The Navy will not refuse, and we will raise our hands in agreement." Marshal Tirpitz replied directly.

Little Maoqi was speechless immediately, how could the army build a fleet? Warships are a waste of money! A capital ship costs tens of millions of marks. If the army has so much money, it can go to form an infantry division.

"Tirpitz, is the navy trying to provoke the army?" Xiao Maoqi was furious.

"Little Moltke, the navy doesn't mean to provoke the army. We do this entirely for the benefit of the empire." Tirpitz said.

"Okay, both of you. Stop arguing. The Navy will form the Marine Corps, and it will not compete with the Army for power. The Marine Corps will not form as many troops as the Army, with a maximum of five divisions. And , The five divisions will be formed in the next few years, not all at once. I guarantee that the Marine Corps will never pose any threat to the Army." Qin Tian said.

Little Moltke still wants to object, but William II has made it clear at this time.

"In this case, I think the Army has no reason to object!" William II said.

Under such circumstances, apart from Moltke, von Falkenhain and Waldsee immediately expressed no objection.

Chapter 123: Military power (for collection)

With William II's explicit support, everything becomes much easier. Even though Little Maoqi still objected, von Falkenhain and Waldsee no longer objected. In their view, the Marine Corps with only five divisions would pose no threat to the Army at all. Those words of Xiao Moqi before were a little too alarmist.

After the meeting ended, Xiao Moqi left angrily. He was very unwilling in his heart, even though the matter was a foregone conclusion, his dissatisfaction with Qin Tian and even William II was deeply planted in his heart.

Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz left after expressing their thanks to William II.

However, at the gate of the palace, I met von Falkenhain who was waiting here.

"His Royal Highness, if it is convenient, I will send you to the Deutsche Industries Group!" Von Falkenhain said proactively.

Qin Tian nodded, he knew that von Falkenhain had something to tell him. "Your Excellency, Marshal, I will leave it to you to be responsible for the formation of the Marine Corps. However, we must strive for excellence in the selection of personnel. We only have five divisions, so the troops of the five divisions must be Only the ace unit will do." Qin Tian looked serious.

"His Royal Highness, I understand." Marshal Earl Tirpitz understood what Qin Tian meant. The Army will never allow the size of the Marine Corps to exceed five divisions. Therefore, they can only use this foundation to find ways to improve the combat effectiveness of the troops as much as possible by selecting excellent soldiers, well-equipped weapons, and hard training. Other than that, there is simply no other way.

Afterwards, Qin Cai got into von Falkenhain's car.

This is a Daimler A-Class. After the A-class car was launched, it was immediately sought after, and now it has become a must-have car for successful people in the whole of Germany and even most European countries. Although the price is very expensive, it is also in short supply. German military and political officials also immediately changed their cars from B-class cars to A-class cars. Of course, the big reason is that the price of the A-class cars provided by Daimler to the government and the military is relatively much cheaper than the market price.

"His Royal Highness, I am sorry for the establishment of the Marine Corps by the Navy. The entire Army is against it, so I have no other choice." Von Falkenhain explained. He was afraid that Qin Tian would have a bad opinion of him because of this matter.

"Don't worry, Your Excellency Minister of War, I can understand your situation." Qin Tian nodded. He knew that even if von Falkenhain was the Minister of War, he could not compete with the will of the entire army. What's more, there was a little Maoqi watching him, eager to completely empty von Falkenhain.

Qin Tian still attaches great importance to being able to von Falkenhain, after all, he is the number two figure in the army. If Qin Tian wants to further expand his influence in the army, he must obtain the support of von Falkenhain.

Of course, Qin Tian also knew why von Falkenhain would support him. It was nothing more than wanting to squeeze the little Mao Qi who was riding on his head. If von Falkenhain can always support him, and after he takes power, let von Falkenhain also serve as chief of the general staff, that is not impossible.

"Your Highness, the Chief of Staff expressed strong opposition to the establishment of the Marine Corps by the Navy. Not only that, but he also wanted to curb His Highness's influence in the army. It can be seen that the Chief of Staff strongly opposes His Royal Highness. said von Falkenhain.

"I know that. If possible, I would of course want to replace him. However, Father still trusts him very much. Therefore, I have nothing to do with him for a while." Qin Tian said.

Von Falkenhain nodded. Little Maoqi is also relying on this, so he is so confident.

"Minister of War, do you have any suggestions?" Qin Tian asked.

Von Falkenhain thought for a while, and then said: "Your Highness, you may try to directly control an army. According to the tradition of the German Empire, as the crown prince, His Highness is qualified to become an army

when war breaks out." The commander-in-chief, who went to the front line to fight. Now, although the war has not yet broken out, the situation is too tense, and it seems that it will not be long before the war breaks out. Your Highness can definitely ask His Majesty to get acquainted with the army first. To be able to better command troops in future wars."

Qin Tian couldn't help but his eyes lit up, the crown prince went to the front line to fight, this is the tradition of the German Empire. If he can directly control an army, he can equip and train the army according to his own wishes. Qin Tian believed that with his current strength, he could arm this army to the teeth and train it to become the most powerful army in the world.

Moreover, this is also a good opportunity for him to expand his influence in the army.

But at the same time, Qin Tian also has great difficulties in achieving this goal. In particular, he was not from the army, and he even finished the Naval Academy. It may be very difficult to convince the public.

Even though he has shown extremely powerful abilities in other aspects. But it is still a bit unrealistic to let William II hand over an army to him with peace of mind.

"I'm not from the army, and I don't have the ability to command troops. Will Your Majesty agree? The army may also have objections to this." Qin Tian said with a frown.

"Your Highness, with your status and status, you don't need to lead the army yourself. You only need to choose a qualified deputy, and everything will be fine. I believe that there are enough elites in the army for His Highness to dispatch. Nothing will happen. There is a problem," von Falkenhain said.

Qin Tian nodded, he was very satisfied with this proposal of von Falkenhain. If he can personally control an army, this will greatly increase his strength.

The great man said that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. Even if this is the German Empire, this truth also applies. If Qin Tian can control the military power, even if Crown Prince William wakes up immediately and wants to take back the Crown Prince that belongs to him, it will be impossible.

The ambition to control the military power began to take root in Qin Tian's heart in an instant.

"Minister of War, thank you for your suggestion. I will seriously consider it. At that time, I will need your further support." Qin Tian said sincerely.

"Your Highness, I will fully support you!" von Falkenhain promised.

Chapter 124: East Prussian Army

The next night, Qin Tian rarely returned to the palace to have dinner with William II and his wife. With Crown Prince William becoming a vegetable, William II and his wife paid more and more attention to Qin Tian. If Crown Prince William never wakes up, Qin Tian's weight in their hearts will surpass Crown Prince William's sooner or later, and it will take time to accumulate slowly.

After dinner, the family walked around in the garden, and William II said to Qin Tian: "Oscar, go to my office!"

"Yes, father!" Qin Tian nodded.

Qin Tian is not only the Crown Prince of the German Empire, but also the owner of the German Industrial Group, which makes Qin Tian usually very busy. It is rare to go back to the palace a few times in a month. And every time he came back, he almost always had something to discuss with William

II. Therefore, William II knew that Qin Tian would go to the Three Treasures Hall for nothing.

Arriving at William II's office, Essen von Jonareit had already had coffee delivered to him.

"Oscar, tell me, what's the matter?" William II asked bluntly.

Qin Tian didn't go around in circles anymore, and directly expressed his dissatisfaction with the development of the army in recent years.

"Father, the German Imperial Army is number one in the world. However, in the past few decades, the Imperial Army has not made much progress. It seems to be completely immersed in the glory of invincibility at the beginning. Not only is the equipment updated slowly, but even the combat thinking There is no progress, as if it is still stuck in the last war. Regarding this, I am very worried, once this big war breaks out, whether our army can defeat the powerful enemy." Qin Tian looked worried.

The expression of Wilhelm II also became serious. The fighting power of the German Army is indeed famous all over the world. Relying on one war after another, the German Army has even become synonymous with invincibility. This also greatly deterred those European powers, enabling Germany to become one of the most powerful countries in Europe and the world. But, after all, that was the German Army decades ago. Once the current German Army breaks out of war, can it still achieve the same record as their predecessors? Although William II still believed that the German Army would not disappoint him, he was not absolutely sure.

"The development of the Imperial Army in recent years is indeed somewhat unsatisfactory. However, you still have to have confidence in the Imperial Army. Decades ago, we were able to beat those enemies to the ground and

cede land to us for compensation. So now, our army still has such capabilities." William II summoned up his confidence.

"Yes, Father. Our army is very strong. I don't deny this. But our enemy is getting stronger day by day. What's more, this time we have more than one enemy. Once the war breaks out, what we are going to face will be a military alliance formed by Britain, France, Russia and other countries. The British army is not strong and can be ignored. But France and the United States cannot be ignored. Although the combat effectiveness of the Russian army is relatively poor, there are many troops. Considering Russia's population size, they can even mobilize tens of millions of troops to fight against us. Therefore, we must not take this war lightly." Qin Tian said solemnly.

King William II nodded with a serious face: "Then, Oscar, what do you think we should do?"

"Father, in order to be able to defeat powerful enemies in future wars, we must reform the army, not only to equip the troops with new weapons, but also to update tactics so that our army can survive in future wars." In war, win at the least cost."

"However, if you do this, it will cause a strong backlash in the army. The resistance to reform will be very high. If you are not careful, it may cause very bad effects. It may even lead to turmoil in the army. This is also very bad for us," said William II. As an emperor, he must be cautious.

"Father, I have a solution, which may be useful." Only at this time did Qin Tian express his purpose.

"Oh? What way?" William II asked.

"According to the practice of the German Empire, as the crown prince, I have the right to command an army to participate in the war. Although, no war has broken out yet. But the international situation is undoubtedly already very

tense. I hope to be able to command an army in advance, Equip and train this army according to my wishes. If this army can perform well, then father has a reason to attack other troops." Qin Tian said.

After finishing speaking, Qin Tian looked at William II worriedly, waiting for his answer. He knew that William II would guess his intentions. I was also worried that William II, who was arrogant and suspicious, would veto his approach. In that case, he will fall short. Not only did he fail to obtain military power, but it also made William II wary of him.

William II frowned and thought for a long time. He was certainly not a fool to become the Emperor of the Empire. He knew that Qin Tian wanted to use this opportunity to get his hands on the army. However, William II didn't care about this, and instead praised Qin Tian's ambition. If a crown prince doesn't even have this bit of ambition, then he is too unmotivated!

"Oscar, can you really do it? I know that you are extremely talented in business and shipbuilding design. But, in terms of the army..." William II was a little worried.

"Don't worry, father, I won't let you down. What's more, even if I'm not a professional. But if there are two professionals to cooperate, I don't think there is any problem in leading an army well." Qin Tian looked very confident.

King William II thought for a while, and finally nodded.

"Okay, Oscar, I understand what you mean. I also agree. I will raise this point at the imperial meeting tomorrow." William II said.

"Yes, father!" Qin Tian was very satisfied.

In the imperial meeting on the second day, William II formally proposed to appoint Qin Tian as the commander of a force of the army. Although he was strongly opposed by little Maoqi, but under the circumstances that everyone else supported him, little Maoqi's objection was completely useless.

Of course, the main armies of the German Army already have commanders. Therefore, Qin Tian could only choose a lesser legion.

In the end, William II appointed Qin Tian as the commander of the 8th Army of the German Imperial Army. This army has another name, the East Prussian Army.

Chapter 125: deputy

East Prussia is a piece of land located in the southern part of the Baltic Sea. This is the birthplace of the Hohenzollern family and the bridgehead of the German Empire against Russia. In the German Empire, it has a very important position.

According to the Schlieffen plan, once the war breaks out, the German Army will be divided into eight corps from the 1st to the 8th. Among them, the first 7 corps will be deployed on the Western Front, striving to defeat France in the shortest possible time. The task of the 8th Army is to cooperate with the Austro-Hungarian Empire and contain the Russians.

According to Schlieffen's estimate, it will take 6 to 8 weeks for Russia to complete its mobilization. So, Germany has a month to beat France. Prior to this, the 8th Army had only to defend East Prussia.

It's just that after Little Maoqi succeeded, he began to modify the Schlieffen plan. It not only reduced the troops on the western front, but also weakened the right-wing troops on the western front. When the German army attacked France, it eventually led to insufficient attack power, and had to stop tens of kilometers away from Paris. Qin Tian wanted to change this, so he volunteered to be the commander of the 8th Army. At that time, once the little Moltke wants to strengthen the East Prussian army, he can clearly express his rejection, and minimize the damage of the little Moltke to the Schlieffen plan.

"Oscar, have you really decided to serve as the commander of the 8th Army? If you want to go back on your word, I can re-issue the order and appoint you as the commander of other armies." William II said.

William II certainly knew the Schlieffen plan well. He knew how much pressure the 8th Army would face once war broke out. The mobilization of Russia will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete. However, don't forget that Russia's standing army is as high as 1.4 million. After the outbreak of the war, these standing armies may launch an attack on East Prussia as soon as possible. Even if the transportation facilities in Russia are very bad, the Russian army will definitely attack before the German army defeats France. Relying on the troops of the 8th Army alone, it will be very difficult to resist the attack of hundreds of thousands or more of the Russian Army.

According to Schlieffen's plan, the 8th Army will only have 10 infantry divisions, with a total strength of about 160,000 people. This is the situation before the war broke out and after mobilization was full. In the case of insufficient personnel, the 8th Army has only more than 100,000 people.

"Father, I have already decided to serve as the commander of the 8th Army." Qin Tian said.

"Once the war breaks out, are you sure you can resist the Russian attack? Don't expect the Austrians to provide you with much support. The combat effectiveness of the Austro-Hungarian army is very bad. If they can withstand personal attacks, they will not. If we need our support, then it is God's blessing." William II also had great distrust of the fighting power of the Austro-Hungarian army.

"I know. Father, I am sure that once the war breaks out, I will be able to withstand the Russian attack." Qin Tian said confidently.

He has already decided that after becoming the commander of the 8th Army, he will immediately arm this army according to his plan, even if it costs a lot of money, he must arm this army to the teeth. In this case, it is simply delusional for the poorly equipped Russians to take advantage of the outbreak of the war and invade East Prussia. Even, it can make the Russians fall hard in East Prussia.

"Okay, Oscar, since you have already made up your mind, I won't say anything more. I believe that with your intelligence, you won't do stupid things. I also believe that you will succeed." William II Said.

"Yes, father." Qin Tian nodded.

"After the New Year, you go to Königsberg! Come back after sorting out the affairs of the 8th Army." William II said.

"Yes, Father." Qin Tian hesitated for a moment, and then continued: "Father, this time I am going to Königsberg, I hope Father can send two people to me!"

"Oh? Which two people?" William II asked.

"General Paul von Hindenburg and Colonel Erich von Ludendorff." Qin Tian said two names.

These two people are famous in another time and space. It is also the commander and chief of staff of the German 8th Army in another time and space. It was with their cooperation that the German 8th Army was able to fight on the Eastern Front and suffered heavy losses from the Russian army. Now, Qin Tian appeared and was appointed as the commander of the 8th Army. But he hopes that the 8th Army can achieve greater glory under the leadership of the two of them. After all, as the crown prince, Qin Tian couldn't stay in the 8th Army forever. He still had other things to do. The daily training can only be done by Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

William II's face was a bit ugly, he knew the two people Qin Tian mentioned. Paul von Hindenburg is the famous general. Although Erich von Ludendorff was only a colonel, he had outstanding talents and was well-known in the Army General Staff.

It's just that Paul von Hindenburg just made a big mistake, that is, in the army exercise that just passed, the command troops defeated the exercise troops led by William II, which made William II face dull.

William II was originally a headstrong and conceited person. This is naturally unacceptable. It also made him dislike Paul von Hindenburg.

"Colonel Ludendorff can be dispatched to you, but Hindenburg is a competitive person, are you sure he is suitable to assist you?" William II asked.

"Father, although General Hindenburg's personality is a bit bad, his personal talent is beyond doubt. I believe that this time he will definitely regret it very much. If he is given another chance, he will definitely not let it disappoint us." Qin Tian looked determined.

King William II thought about it, but in the end he still didn't reject Qin Tian's request. Although he doesn't like Hindenburg, he has to admit that Hindenburg's ability is still very strong.

"Alright, Oscar. This time, I will make an exception to help you once." William II said.

"Thank you, father!" Qin Tian was very happy.

At Qin Tian's request, William II will then appoint Paul von Hindenburg as the deputy commander of the 8th Army, and Erich von Ludendorff will be promoted from colonel to brigadier general and serve as the acting staff officer of the 8th Army long. Generally speaking, the chief of staff of a legion is at least a major general. Even if Erich von Ludendorff was promoted, he was still

not qualified to become the chief of staff of a legion. He could only act as an agent first, and then find a way to get promoted after a period of time.

Chapter 126: My Legion (for collection)

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"Hello, Your Royal Highness!" On the second day after receiving the new appointment, Admiral Paul von Hindenburg and Brigadier General Erich von Ludendorff came to report to Qin Tian.

It can be seen from the colors of the two that they are in a good mood. Although the 8th Army ranks low among the many legions of the German Army, and the tasks it undertakes in future wars are quite arduous, it is undoubtedly very happy to be promoted.

Especially Paul von Hindenburg, after offending William II, he once thought that his promotion was hopeless. But now, he is not only the deputy commander of the 8th Army, but also the deputy of the crown prince. As long as he can establish a good relationship with the crown prince, the future will be very bright.

Erich? Ludendorff is the same. Now he is only in his early thirties. It is undoubtedly very rare to be promoted to Brigadier General in an exceptional way in the German Army. This also means that his future prospects will be limitless.

"Two generals, please sit down." Qin Tian did not put on any airs of the crown prince in front of these two famous generals. This is an important assistant he can rely on in the 8th Army and future wars. If Qin Tian wants to further control the military power and consolidate his position, he must cultivate his own party members in the army. In Qin Tian's mind, the names Manstein, Rommel, Guderian... flashed one by one. Hindenburg and Ludendorff would be the first step in his direct control of military power.

"His Royal Highness is as expected in the legend, very approachable." Facing the amiable Qin Tian, both Hindenburg and Ludendorff couldn't help but have such thoughts in their minds.

After the attendants brought coffee, Qin Tian's conversation with them got to the point.

"General Hindenburg, General Ludendorff, the appointment of you as the deputy commander and acting chief of staff of the 8th Army is what I won from my father. Although I was appointed as the commander of the 8th Army, you should all know, I am not from the army. Maybe I can make some suggestions on army building and even tactics. But overall, I am still far from being able to compare with you professionals. So, I hope you will be able to In the days to come, assist me well, strive to build the 8th Army even stronger, and achieve greater victories in future wars!" Qin Tian looked at Hindenburg and Ludendorff sincerely.

Both Hindenburg and Ludendorff were moved by Qin Tian's frankness. Qin Tian is only twenty years old now, but he holds a high position and is full of talents, but he is not at all complacent. There are very few people who can do this.

What's more, Hindenburg and Ludendorff were originally aristocratic soldiers of the traditional German Empire. Loyalty to the emperor and patriotism were also their creeds.

"Your Highness, please rest assured, we will definitely assist Your Highness in the future." Admiral Hindenburg said.

Brigadier General Ludendorff also nodded heavily.

"Very good, I feel more at ease. You two should know the Schlieffen plan. Therefore, once the war breaks out, the task of our 8th Army will be very difficult. We will have to use ten divisions to counter the Russians The attack

of millions of troops. Therefore, in order to be able to win in future wars, in the next few years, we must do everything possible to arm the 8th Army, and arm the entire Army to the teeth. I will find a way, to The Eighth Army provides the world's most advanced weaponry and the most powerful firepower!" Qin Tian assured.

"His Royal Highness, will the weapons developed by the German Armament Company be equipped with the 8th Army?" Hindenburg asked.

The German Arms Company has developed a series of advanced weapons, but due to the obstruction of Moltke, it has not been able to equip troops on a large scale. As a senior general of the German Army, Hindenburg knows this clearly.

Qin Tian nodded: "After we completely control the 8th Army, a large number of advanced weapons will arrive at the 8th Army."

As a legion he has built with all his strength, Qin Tian must ensure that this legion is under his control.

Both Hindenburg and Ludendorff nodded repeatedly, expressing their understanding.

"His Royal Highness, but relying solely on the military expenses of the Eighth Army, I am afraid it will be difficult to support His Highness's plan." Admiral Hindenburg frowned. After all, there is only so much military expenditure, and it is simply not enough for a large-scale facelift.

"You don't have to worry about military expenses, I will find a way." Qin Tian said in a comprehensive manner. He has already made up his mind, if the military expenditure is not enough, he will pay for it himself. Anyway, we must arm the 8th Army to the teeth, and gain an overwhelming advantage in future wars.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff immediately stopped worrying about this issue. They also knew that Qin Tian was a wealthy businessman, and his annual income was very considerable. The 8 Legion is armed to the teeth.

"What do you think of the 8th Army?" Qin Tian asked.

Although, Qin Tian also collected some information about the 8th Army. But the data on paper is definitely not as comprehensive as professionals like Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

"Your Highness, the 8th Army has a total of ten infantry divisions, which are divided into three armies and one infantry division. In addition, there is a reserve army. If it is full, the entire army has an army of more than 160,000 people. Once a war breaks out, after Mobilized, the total strength will exceed 200,000. However, in terms of combat effectiveness, there is a certain gap compared with the first-line legions." Hindenburg introduced to Qin Tian.

Through Hindenburg's introduction, Qin Tian had a general understanding of the 8th Army. That is his army, he will command this army, in the future war, defeat the powerful enemy, and strive to shine in the war.

"Both of you, you should deal with your personal affairs first these few days. In three days, we will leave for Königsberg." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Both Hindenburg and Ludendorff nodded immediately. They also know that serving as the deputy commander and acting chief of staff of the 8th Army this time will be an important opportunity for them, and it can be called a new starting point in their military career.

In the next few days, Qin Tian prepared to go to the 8th Army. At the same time, he also asked the German Arms Company to expand production. Once he takes control of the 8th Legion, Qin Tian will start a large-scale change of clothing throughout the entire legion, and arm this legion to the teeth.

Chapter 127: Dismount

Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia, is also an important support point for Germany to defend Russia on the Eastern Front. Near Königsberg, the German army built a large number of fortifications such as fortifications as important fortifications against Russian attacks.

In the Schlieffen plan, due to Russia's traffic factors and mobilization speed, the main force of the German Army will be placed on the western front, trying to completely defeat France before Russia completes its mobilization.

Therefore, only ten infantry divisions are reserved on the eastern front to guard against Russia. Compared with Russia, which has a standing army of more than one million, ten infantry divisions are undoubtedly too few. After all, once war begins, Russia's millions of standing troops will dispatch hundreds of thousands or more troops to attack East Prussia. Therefore, the German Army General Staff believes that they can only rely on defense to delay the German army and buy enough time.

Qin Tian took a special train from Berlin to Königsberg. He went to Königsberg with him, including General Paul von Hindenburg, the deputy commander of the 8th Army, and Brigadier General Erich von Ludendorff, the acting chief of staff.

The commanders and division commanders of the 8th Army, except for a few people, gathered at the train station, waiting for Qin Tian and his party. Qin Tian is not only the commander of the 8th Army, but also the crown prince of the empire, what a noble status.

The three armies under the 8th Army are the 11th Army, the 17th Army, and the 20th Army. There is also a reserve army, the 1st Reserve Army. If you count the garrison troops and cavalry troops in various places, the total strength of the 8th Army can exceed 200,000 after sufficient mobilization.

On the platform of the railway station, a group of generals of the German army were waiting for Qin Tian's special train, chatting at the same time.

"Your Majesty took the lead in forming our 8th Army this time! However, it was unexpected for the Crown Prince to come down as the commander of the 8th Army." A middle-aged general sighed. He is Lieutenant General Mackensen, commander of the 20th Army of the 8th Army of the German Army.

"Although His Royal Highness is not from the army, his talent is certain. What's more, General Hindenburg and General Ludendorff from the General Staff have cooperated. I believe that the Eighth Army under their leadership I will definitely be stronger." Another middle-aged general said. He was Lieutenant General François, commander of the 11th Army.

Among the regular establishments of the German Army, there is no such establishment as a corps, that is, an army group. It is often only when a war breaks out that armies, divisions, brigades and other units are mobilized to form legions. So naturally there are no permanent positions such as legion commanders. However, this time the Eighth Army was formed ahead of schedule. The purpose is to allow Qin Tian to have more time to familiarize himself with, control and arm the 8th Army, so that the 8th Army can play a greater role in future wars.

"Well, but I think someone will be very disappointed." General Mackenson said with a smile.

General Francois also had a smile on his face.

Someone in their mouth, Lieutenant General Plittwitz, commander of the 17th Army, you know, he is a favorite of William II, and among the entire army stationed in East Prussia, he relies on himself and William II The relationship between the world is domineering. He even said more than once that if the 8th

Army is formed, he will be the best candidate for the commander of the Army. But now, Qin Tian's intervention undoubtedly completely shattered his hope. At the same time, it also made him lose face among the various units under the Eighth Army.

This annoyed Lieutenant General Prittwitz so much that today was the day Qin Tian arrived in Königsberg, but Lieutenant General Prittwitz said he was sick and couldn't come to greet him.

"I hope His Highness the Crown Prince is a good talker! Otherwise, Prittwitz will be miserable this time. He will leave a bad impression on His Highness the Crown Prince, and he will never be able to stay in the 8th Army. said General Francois.

"Hmph! That guy had better be transferred from the 8th Army. If he stays in the 8th Army, it will be of no use at all. It will only make the entire army worse." General Mackenson said.

It can be seen that General Mackensen dislikes Lieutenant General Prittwitz very much, and wished that he would be transferred.

"Woohoo!"

The whistle sounded from a distance, and the generals on the platform stopped talking quickly.

Soon, Qin Tian's special train entered the station and stopped in front of everyone.

The car door opened, and Qin Tian in military uniform, accompanied by Admiral Hindenburg and Brigadier General Ludendorff, got off the train.

"His Royal Highness, welcome to Königsberg." Generals François and Mackensen hurried up to welcome you.

Admiral Hindenburg whispered their identities to Qin Tian in Qin Tian's ear.

"General François, General Mackensen, thank you for coming to pick me up." Qin Tian said with a smile. According to the information he had before, General François and General Mackensen are also rare talents in the 8th Army, especially General François, who is a genius and adventurous general. General Mackensen is also an outstanding general, but he is a little older.

Qin Tian glanced at the German generals on the platform, and found that there was no figure of Plittwitz, which made him frown involuntarily. Qin Tian undoubtedly knew the favorite of William II. It's just that almost all the generals of the 8th Army came, but he was missing. This made Qin Tian wonder whether the other party wanted to give him a blow!

"Why didn't you see General Prittwitz?" Qin Tian asked directly.

"His Royal Highness, General Plittwitz is not feeling well, and has already asked for leave to return to Berlin." General Mackensen replied.

"Ask for leave to go back to Berlin? Why didn't I know?" Qin Tian's expression suddenly turned ugly. As the commander of the 8th Army, Lieutenant General Prittwitz asked for leave, but he didn't know it at all. Isn't this obviously not taking him seriously?

"General Prittwitz should have asked for leave from the General Staff." General François said.

"Huh!" Qin Tian snorted coldly, but didn't say anything. However, Lieutenant General Prittwitz had already been sentenced to death in his heart. Qin Tian knew that Lieutenant General Prittwitz had a good relationship with little Mao Qi, who made them both the favorites of William II? However, if the other party dared not give him face, then don't blame him for using the other party for surgery. He has just succeeded as the commander of the 8th Army,

which is the time when he needs to stand up. Since Prittwitz delivered it to his door, Qin Tian would certainly not be polite.

Admiral Hindenburg and Brigadier General Ludendorff don't look too good at the moment.

Chapter 128: courage

Suppressing the anger in his heart, Qin Tian shook hands with a group of generals of the 8th Army with a smile on his face. These generals are all the chief officers of the troops of the 8th Army. If so, you must get their support.

Of course, there are undoubtedly very few people who are as ignorant as Lieutenant General Prittwitz. Qin Tian is not only the new commander of the 8th Army, but also the Crown Prince of the Empire. Under such dual identities, there are undoubtedly very few people who dare to provoke him. Unless the brain is flooded, otherwise, who would seek their own death?

After meeting with the generals, the group went to the headquarters of the 8th Army. General Francois and the others had already prepared dinner, and they were just waiting for Qin Tian and the others to arrive at Königsberg.

Although, one important commander is missing. However, everyone enjoyed themselves at dinner. Qin Tian's approachability made those generals put down all doubts in their hearts. What's more, Qin Tian also announced to everyone that he will provide more resources to the 8th Army in order to make the 8th Army even stronger. The generals of the 8th Army were very satisfied with Qin Tian's guarantee.

"Everyone, the current international situation is becoming more and more tense. I can assure you that war will definitely break out. And, the time will not exceed five years. Therefore, during this period of time, we must be ready to fight. Our enemy will be the Russians, and the Russians have almost no advantage except for a little more troops. It can be said that fighting the Russians will mean great military exploits. I hope that when the future war

breaks out , We can beat the **** out of the Russians. As long as you have military exploits, don't you get all kinds of medals? Getting promoted is undoubtedly a matter of course!" Qin Tian said to the crowd.

As the saying goes, a soldier who doesn't want to be a general is not a good soldier. These generals naturally have higher pursuits. They want to go to the next level, get a higher rank, and even become a marshal of the empire. And all of this needs to rely on military exploits.

Although, they know that only the 8th Army against Russia is under great pressure. But it's also a huge opportunity. The Russian army is poorly equipped and has poor combat effectiveness. Once the war starts, these German generals are confident that they will win more with less. If you can hit the Russian army hard and defeat the Russian army in one fell swoop during the war, it will be a great contribution! As Qin Tian said, it will be very easy for them to get promoted and get various medals. After all, for a soldier, as long as he has military achievements, it is undoubtedly easy to climb up.

Of course, it is undoubtedly very difficult to defeat millions of Russian troops with hundreds of thousands of people. But it is not impossible if Austria-Hungary can share a little for them.

The eyes of the generals looking at Qin Tian became hot. They now feel that there seems to be nothing wrong with Qin Tianlai being the commander of the 8th Army. Following Qin Tian's words, there may be more opportunities in the future.

After dinner, General Paul von Hindenburg and General Erich von Ludendorff stayed, and the rest returned to their troops.

"Your Highness, General Prittwitz's behavior this time is a complete provocation to His Highness, and it is a great blow to His Highness's prestige. If His Highness cannot handle this matter properly, I am afraid that His

Highness will be killed in the army." Prestige will be greatly reduced."
Hindenburg said with some concern.

"If possible, it is best to transfer Prittwitz away from the 8th Army."
Ludendorff also suggested.

Qin Tian nodded: "Of course I want to drive that guy out of the 8th Army. However, it is very difficult! After all, he is His Majesty's favorite. At the same time, he has a very good personal relationship with Xiao Moqi."

Qin Tian was also very disliked by Prittwitz. Although, he was a favorite of William II. But he made his way to the top by winning the Kaiser's goodwill at the dinner table with hilarious **** stories. How much military talent can such a person be expected to have? In the army, it is simply a black sheep. Qin Tian hoped to build the 8th Army into the most powerful army in the German Army, and hoped that in future wars, one could beat ten and hit the Russians hard in one fell swoop. If Prittwitz is not transferred from the 8th Army, it will inevitably have a very adverse impact on his plan. Qin Tian didn't want everything he worked so hard to ruin just like that.

However, Qin Tian also knows that it is very difficult to transfer from Plitvicz. Not to mention whether William II will agree, but Little Moltke will definitely strongly oppose it. Little Mao Qi expressed clear opposition to the Marine Corps and Qin Tian's appointment as the commander of the 8th Army. Now the relationship between Qin Tian and Xiao Maoqi has deteriorated extremely. Although it has not reached the point of incompatibility, it is not far behind.

"Your Highness, this incident may be caused by Little Maoqi. No matter how difficult it is, we have to find a way to transfer Plitvicz away. Otherwise, with the relationship between Your Highness and Little Maoqi, Xiao Moqi will definitely continue to trip His Highness in the future. In this case, it will divert

our great energy, and it will not be conducive to His Highness's next control of the 8th Army." Hindenburg reminded.

"Your Highness, you need an opportunity to establish your prestige in the military. This time Prittwitz undoubtedly gave His Highness an excellent opportunity. Your Highness should not give up this good opportunity." Ludendorff also strongly suggested road.

Qin Tian hesitated for a moment, then made up his mind. Even though this would further deteriorate the relationship between him and Little Mao Qi, he couldn't care less about it. There are only a few years before the war breaks out, and there is no more time to waste.

"Okay, I'll send a telegram to Berlin immediately. This time, Prittwitz must be transferred from the 8th Army. Regarding the successor of the 17th Army Commander, please think about it and report to me tomorrow!" Qin Tian Said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Both Hindenburg and Ludendorff smiled. Qin Tian was able to show his courage on this issue, which made them very satisfied. Although, Qin Tian has been kind to them in promoting them, they should try their best to help them. But they also hope that the monarch they assist is a courageous and talented person, not an indecisive person. There is no doubt that Qin Tian's current performance makes them very satisfied.

Chapter 129: Kill chickens to warn monkeys (for collection)

"Carter, send this telegram to Berlin immediately, and ask your father to hand it over to the emperor." Qin Tian said to his chief guard, Carter von Jonareit. After becoming the crown prince, Qin Tian formed his own guard, and the head of the guard was Carter von Jonneret, the head of the guard of the former Crown Prince William.

After becoming a vegetative state, Crown Prince William can be said to have been abolished. As the head of the bodyguard, Carter von Jonareit also had his future ruined. However, his father, Essen von Jonareit, as the steward

of William II, was also very kind to Qin Tian. Together with his younger brother Carl von Jonareit, he even helped Qin Tian manage the huge business empire. Under the circumstances of these factors, Qin Tian naturally had to look at Carter von Jonareit differently.

As for the issue of loyalty, Qin Tian is not worried at all. The Jonalet family originally served the Hohenzollern family. Now, he is the crown prince of the empire, the future emperor of the empire, and the Jonalet family will naturally be loyal to him wholeheartedly. Especially when his future was almost ruined, Carter von Jonareit undoubtedly cherished this opportunity even more. If Qin Tian also had an accident, or missed the throne, then Carter von Jonareit would not have achieved much in his life.

"Yes, Your Highness." Carter immediately sent a telegram.

"Plittwitz, I'm really sorry this time, who let you bump into my gun? I have to borrow your head to use it." Qin Tian said secretly.

If you want to establish your prestige, there is nothing more suitable than killing chickens and monkeys. Now, Prittwitz himself jumped out to be the chicken, of course Qin Tian would not let it go. Although, this time Qin Tian couldn't get Prittwitz's head, but transferring the emperor's favorite from the 8th Army was undoubtedly a severe slap in the face, which was also a great blow to other generals Big shock. In this case, it will be much easier for Qin Tian to establish his prestige among the Eighth Army.

Of course, Qin Tian was not at all sure whether William II would support him. Qin Tian could only hope that William II would remember the love between father and son, and help him a little more. Otherwise, it would be impossible to transfer away from Prittwitz under the objection of Little Mao Qi. Qin Tian also had someone notify von Falkenhain, asking him to support him on this issue.

Berlin, the office of Kaiser Wilhelm II. Although, it's already late at night. However, William II did not rest, but continued to deal with official duties. It is not so easy to manage such a huge empire. Even though William II boasted that he had extraordinary talents, he still needed to spend a lot of time on official duties.

"Your Majesty, your coffee is ready." Essen von Jonalet walked in with a cup of coffee.

"Put it on the table!" William II didn't even raise his head.

However, he soon noticed that after Essen von Jonareit put down the coffee, he didn't leave.

"Is there anything else?" William II raised his head and asked. For this playmate who grew up with him since he was a child, William II has no airs of the emperor at all.

"Your Majesty, Crown Prince Oscar seems to be in trouble. Here is a telegram from him." Essen von Jonneret handed the telegram to William II.

William II received the telegram, and soon his face became very ugly.

"Damn it, that Plitvician guy, who gave him the guts to provoke the imperial prince?" William II was furious. Even though Prittwitz is his favorite, he is still very dissatisfied now.

"However, Oscar seems to have gone too far. Prittwitz just missed the ceremony and dinner to welcome him, so should he be transferred?" William II obviously thought that Qin Tian had gone too far.

"Your Majesty, His Majesty the Crown Prince is still young, and he is only twenty years old this year. Young people, it is inevitable that you will be a little more arrogant. However, this time, Prittwitz did something that should not be done, and His Majesty should not rely on His Majesty to treat him Even His

Royal Highness the Crown Prince doesn't pay attention to his trust." Essen von Jonalet said. The Jonalet family has a close relationship with Qin Tian, so of course he wants to stand by Qin Tian's side and speak for Qin Tian.

King William II frowned, as if he was thinking about how to deal with it.

"You mean, should I agree to Oscar's request?"

"Your Majesty, the first time His Royal Highness took over the military power of a legion is the time when you need your support. Prittwitz's behavior is undoubtedly a blow to His Highness's prestige. His Royal Highness transferred Prittwitz from the 8th The legion has no choice but to maintain his prestige in this way. Otherwise, it will be difficult for His Highness to gain respect in the 8th legion." Essen von Jonalet suggested.

"If Plittwitz is transferred from the 8th Army, he will also lose face." William II said.

After all, Plittwitz was also one of William II's favorite courtiers.

Essen von Jonareit fell silent. The words have already reached this point, if he said more, I am afraid that not only will he not be able to help Qin Tian, but it will have the opposite effect.

King Wilhelm II thought about it, and then asked: "Is Prittwitz really sick this time when he returns to Berlin?"

"Your Majesty, as far as I know, General Plittwitz was not sick at all. After returning to Berlin, he went directly to the home of the Chief of Staff. It is said that the two drank until late." Essen von Joner Wright said.

Suddenly, William II's face became even uglier. If Plittwitz was really ill and returned to Berlin for medical treatment, then it is undoubtedly understandable that he was absent from Qin Tian's welcome ceremony. However, that now appears to be clearly not the case. Moreover, he also went

to Little Maoqi's house to drink. It was hard not to make William II wonder whether all this was discussed between Little Maoqi and Prittwitz.

Although William II favored little Moltke and Plittwitz, it did not mean that he could condone their misconduct, especially when he bullied his son, the crown prince of the empire, which made him even more unacceptable.

Even if he is the most trusted subject, but a subject is always a subject, how could he turn around and bully his master?

"Let little Mao Qi come to see me immediately. In addition, let the Minister of War come too." William II ordered.

Now, William II has made up his mind and wants to help Qin Tian again. Since Qin Tian wanted to use Plitvice to establish his own prestige, then as a father, he naturally couldn't hold back by saying anything.

Chapter 130: Military Reform

"Your Majesty, what's the matter for summoning the minister at such a late hour?" Little Maoqi stood in front of William II sleepily.

From his body, William II could clearly smell a smell of alcohol. This made William II very dissatisfied, and it was confirmed that what Essen von Jonareit said before was true.

Von Falkenhain was expressionless. However, he had already received the telegram from Qin Tian, and he also knew that Qin Tian planned to use Prittwitz for surgery. In this regard, von Falkenhain agreed with ten thousand people. Prittwitz was a favorite of William II, but he was also a partisan of Little Moltke. If Prittwitz can be kicked out of the 8th Army, it will also be a major blow to Moltke.

Although, von Falkenhain didn't know whether Wilhelm II would agree to Qin Tian's request. But judging from the current situation, it is quite optimistic.

He also made up his mind that once William II wanted to consult his opinion, he would fully support Qin Tian.

"Your Excellency Chief of Staff, Your Excellency Minister of War. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince sent a telegram, hoping to transfer General Prittwitz from the 8th Army, and make another arrangement. What do you think?" William II asked.

"What?" Little Mao Qi was shocked immediately, and the sleepiness on his face disappeared all of a sudden. At the same time, the drunkenness is completely gone.

Before, he applauded Prittwitz for embarrassing Qin Tian. But he never thought that Qin Tian would directly make such a request. At the same time, he also sensed Qin Tian's sinister intentions. Once Prittwitz is really kicked out of the 8th Army, he will probably be thrown directly into a idle position. In a short time, there is no possibility of gaining real power. This is also an unacceptable result for himself.

"Your Majesty, how can His Highness the Crown Prince kick out such a condition? General Prittwitz is a talented general. It is unfair to him to transfer him from the 8th Army." Little Mao Qi was extremely angry. .

King Wilhelm II didn't change his mind because of Moltke's anger. He looked at von Falkenhain.

"His Excellency, Minister of War, what do you think?" Wilhelm II looked at von Falkenhain.

"Your Majesty, what is the reason for His Royal Highness requesting the transfer of General Plittwitz?" Von Falkenhain asked.

"Oscar believes that General Prittwitz's ability is not enough to serve as the commander of the 17th Army. The future task of the 8th Army is to resist the Russian attack, which requires that every general of the 8th Army must be

superior. Only with his military talents. Oscar thinks that General Prittwitz is not up to the task." William II said.

"Slander, this is definitely a slander against General Prittwitz! General Prittwitz is an outstanding general of the empire, how could he be incapable of being an army commander?" Little Mao Qi immediately jumped up.

"I don't think this is a slander. General Prittwitz's ability is indeed a problem. It is indeed inappropriate for him to serve as the commander of the 17th Army!" Von Falkenhain immediately expressed his opinion in a manner.

"Your Excellency Falkenhain, you are talking nonsense with your eyes open! How could there be any problem with General Prittwitz's ability? He just didn't attend the welcome ceremony of His Royal Highness, is His Royal Highness going to deal with him like this? If that's the case, it's too unconvincing!" Xiao Maoqi immediately tore off the last fig leaf with a look of anger.

William II's complexion suddenly became a little ugly. Xiao Moqi's recent behavior has made him gradually lose his patience.

"Okay, everyone doesn't need to quarrel anymore. For the stability of the 8th Army, let's temporarily transfer General Prittwitz away!" William II made a decision.

Little Mao Qi was very unwilling, but seeing the expressionless William II, he knew that even if he resolutely opposed it, it would be useless. In that case, it would make William II hate him even more.

Under the circumstances that both William II and von Falkenhain tended to support Qin Tian, even if Xiao Maoqi resolutely opposed it, it would not help. He could only watch Prittwitz being transferred from the 8th Army, the only thing that can be done is probably to find a way to find a good position for Prittwitz again.

Originally, Xiao Maoqi planned to make Prittwitz a nail in the 8th Army, so as to find trouble for Qin Tian. However, it seems that Qin Tian is not easy to deal with now! Actually, he acted first and pulled out the nail of Prittwitz.

"Just wait and see, Oscar, I won't let you be so mean!" After leaving the palace, watching von Falkenheim drive away with a gloomy expression, Xiao Moqi spit out with an ugly face. these words.

The next day, Qin Tian received a telegram from Berlin. Both Essen von Jonareit and von Falkenhain had sent him telegrams informing him that Wilhelm II had decided to transfer Plittwitz away. A formal transfer order will be issued soon. This made Qin Tian heave a sigh of relief.

"It seems that William II is still on my side! However, such a thing cannot be separated. If such a request is made to William II again, he will definitely not agree to it, and he may even turn back. Come here and reprimand me." Qin Tian thought secretly.

At nine o'clock in the morning, Hindenburg and Ludendorff came. They were also very happy when they learned that William II had agreed to be transferred from Plittwitz. As for the candidate for the successor commander of the 17th Army, they proposed Leopold von Zeckert. Qin Tian thought for a while and agreed. He clearly remembered that in another time and space, Zeckert was known as the "father of the German army in World War II", which shows his ability.

Under Qin Tian's deliberate publicity, the news of Lieutenant General Prittwitz's transfer quickly spread throughout the 8th Army, which shocked the other generals. Even Prittwitz was transferred away for offending Qin Tian, let alone them. This made Qin Tian's prestige in the Eighth Army rise unprecedentedly.

It was also under such circumstances that Qin Tian started his long-planned plan, which was to reform the current military system of the German Army. The current German Army consists of squads, platoons, companies, battalions, regiments, divisions, corps, and regiments (group armies) from bottom to top. Qin Tian intends to remove the brigade as a unit and let the division directly manage the regiment. If the conditions are ripe, he also wants to remove the "army" unit, and let the legion directly command each division, so that the command system will be flattened, thereby improving the efficiency of command.

Of course, Qin Tian knew that this would cause an uproar. So, he first consulted Hindenburg and Ludendorff.