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Chapter 141: Wolf Pack Tactics (for collection)

For Marshal Count Tirpitz, submarines are no strangers. In 1906, the Germania Shipyard built the first submarine, code-named U-1.

However, submarines in this era have slow speed and short endurance, so they can only be used as weapons for offshore defense. The major naval powers don't pay much attention to the development of submarines at all, thinking that they are just weapons used by weak and small countries for sneak attacks. Even within the German Navy, submarines are not taken seriously. Especially when the German Navy has more and more large surface warships, almost everyone is keen to build large surface warships. For submarines, weapons that can only hide underwater and carry out sneak attacks, it is simply impossible. scoffed.

Marshal Count Tirpitz was also affected by this aspect. If Qin Tian hadn't been the one who used the submarine as a secret weapon, he would have scolded him long ago. However, Qin Tian's identity and status are not the same, and Qin Tian has greatly promoted the development of the German Navy. This also left Marshal Count Tirpitz speechless. At the same time, he couldn't help guessing, could it be that the submarine has other potentials that he didn't see?

"Your Excellency Marshal, that's right. The secret weapon I'm talking about is a submarine. However, the submarine in front of you is not a simple submarine like the U-1 submarine, but a powerful submarine that can really be used in actual combat. I assure you, if the German Navy can have a strong underwater submarine force, it will bring us unexpected surprises." Qin Tian seemed very confident.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz couldn't help frowning. The submarine in front of him is indeed different from the U-1 submarine. It is not only larger in size, but also more beautiful in shape. Yes, it is indeed beautiful. Compared with this submarine, the U-1 submarine is simply an ugly duckling.

"Mr. Huo Lan, please introduce this powerful submarine to the Secretary of the Navy!" Qin Tian said to an old man.

This old man is the famous John Holland, the first person in the world to create a submarine capable of actual combat. Even though he was over sixty years old, Qin Tian still invited him out of the mountain. Of course, a big reason why John Holland was willing to help Germany build submarines was because John Holland was Irish. The Irish have been fighting for independence. Qin Tian assured John Holland that if Germany could defeat Britain in the future war, it would definitely support the independence of Ireland. Therefore, John Holland will do his best to help Germany in this regard.

Combined with Qin Tian's unique insights in this area, Deutsche Shipyard was able to build submarines ahead of this era.

"Yes, Your Royal Highness." John Holland nodded.

"This is a brand new submarine designed and built by us. His Royal Highness named it the U-100 class submarine. This submarine has a surface displacement of 328 tons and an underwater displacement of 279 tons. It is 42.7 meters long and 4 meters wide. , with a height of 8.6 meters and a draft of 3.9 meters. It uses two diesel engines and electric motors as power. The maximum speed on the surface is 13 knots, and the maximum speed under water is 7 knots. The surface endurance is 3100 nautical miles, the underwater endurance is 43 nautical miles, and the maximum diving depth It is 100 meters. The weapon is three 533 mm torpedo tubes, arranged in the front two and one behind. In addition, the ammunition warehouse inside the

submarine also stores six torpedoes, a total of nine torpedoes. In front of the pressure hull of the submarine, there is a door 75mm naval gun, with one hundred rounds of ammunition." John Holland said proudly.

Indeed, it can be seen from these data that the performance of the U-100 class submarine is very advanced, not only greatly surpassing the U-1 submarine built by Germany itself, but also surpassing the submarines built by other countries in the world.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, the performance of this submarine is undoubtedly excellent. Especially the strong endurance, enough to sail from Germany to the east coast of the United States. Once war breaks out, the entire East Atlantic waters will become the hunting area for our submarines." .At that time, whether it is the enemy's warships or other ships, they will be under the threat of our submarines. If we can equip hundreds of such submarines, it will be enough to strangle the British sea transportation lines. Once the British If the sea transportation line of the three islands is cut off by us, the British will die." Qin Tian said.

Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded. Although he thinks that a submarine attack is a very ungentlemanly way of fighting. However, in war, all means can be used. Any tactics are fine as long as they can defeat the enemy.

"Your Highness, this submarine is indeed very good. However, I still think that surface warships are the guarantee of victory." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

"Of course, submarines cannot decide the outcome of a naval battle. Because submarines are weapons of destruction, while surface warships are weapons of control. Our submarines are mainly used to attack the British sea transportation lines, and They attacked the British main fleet to relieve the pressure on the surface fleet," Qin Tian said.

Marshal Count Tirpitz agreed with this. Although there are still some doubts about the real combat power of submarines, Marshal Earl Tirpitz is not opposed to purchasing submarines.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, in order to fully display the combat effectiveness of these submarines, I have thought of a tactic. I named it the 'Wolf Pack' tactic. That is, a few or a dozen submarines are ambushed in the enemy's fleet or within the fleet. A sneak attack on the way it must pass. I think it will be disastrous for the enemy. It will be better if it is at night. I think no fleet or fleet can escape This kind of tactical attack will definitely make them pay an extremely heavy price." Qin Tian said with a smile.

After listening to Qin Tian's introduction, Marshal Count Tirpitz couldn't help feeling chills all over his body. He had to admit that this was undoubtedly an extremely vicious tactic, able to give full play to the advantages of the submarine. Of course, it would be great if this tactic was in the hands of the German Navy. The enemy will suffer heavy losses under the blow of their tactics.

"Your Highness, this tactic is really good. It seems that a weapon like a submarine can really do a lot!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz was very satisfied.

Subsequently, Marshal Count Tirpitz returned to the Ministry of the Navy, and after discussing with other officials, he decided to purchase fifty U-100-class submarines first. If there are subsequent improvements, another fifty will be purchased, bringing the number of submarines in the German Navy to one hundred.

Qin Tian stayed at Deutschland Shipyard and discussed with John Holland about the improvement of the submarine.

Chapter 142: fighter

"Your Highness, Mr. Gustav Lilienthal wants to see you!" After Qin Tian returned to Berlin, Karl von Jonareit immediately told him the news.

"Huh? I see, let him come to see me right away!" Qin Tian said immediately.

Gustav Lilienthal is the person in charge of Qin Tian's fighter plan. Before and after, Qin Tian has already invested 20 million marks in this plan. And let the German engine manufacturing company fully cooperate with them in the development of aero engines. Now, is it finally time for the results?

Although all countries are developing their own aviation vehicles. However, Qin Tian believed that with his help in an almost cheating way, Germany could surpass other countries in this aspect and be at the forefront of the world. After all, as a latecomer, Qin Tian knows better which direction of development is correct, and will not take detours, thus saving more time.

Half an hour later, Gustav Lilienthal appeared in Qin Tian's office.

"His Royal Highness the Crown Prince!" Gustav Lilienthal admired Qin Tian very much. Although, the imperial prince is only 21 years old. It's not just because of Qin Tian's strong support that their aviation dream can continue to develop. It is also because Qin Tian also has unique insights in the field of aviation, allowing them to make rapid progress in the development of aviation vehicles.

"Well, Mr. Lilienthal, please sit down. Has your research and development been successful?" Qin Tian asked.

"Yes, Your Highness. The first aircraft we developed has been successful. Yesterday, we conducted the first test flight and it was a complete success. Therefore, I invite Your Highness to watch our second test flight." Gustav Lilienthal said excitedly.

"Very well, when is the second test flight? I will definitely go." Qin Tian nodded. He is still very much looking forward to Germany's future fighter jets. In future wars, whoever holds air supremacy will be able to win. Of course, it's

too early to tell. Even after the advent of aircraft, there is still a long way to go to become the protagonist of the battlefield.

However, Qin Tian still hopes that these flying troops can form combat effectiveness before the war breaks out. Not only the army needs the help of these fighters, but the navy is also eager to see through. Only by developing a carrier-based aircraft that can take off on an aircraft carrier can Qin be able to build aircraft carriers with confidence and boldness, making these aircraft carriers the trump card to defeat the British Navy in future wars.

"Yes, Your Highness. Three days later, we will conduct the second test flight." Gustav Lilienthal said excitedly.

"Okay, I will definitely go then." Qin Tian said.

Three days later, the weather was fine. Autumn in northern Germany is crisp and clear.

Deutsche Industries AG has established an aircraft research and development center in Oralinburg, north of Berlin. Gustav Lilienthal and his team worked there. In the whole team, there are not only German aviation experts, but also many foreign experts. These experts were all found by Qin Tian using various means. Of course, some people came for the sake of profit, while others were coerced and had to come.

Qin Tian arrived in Olarinburg early in the morning. On the runway of the small airport of the R&D center, a simple plane was parked there, like an ugly duckling.

Indeed, in Qin Tian's eyes, this plane is like an ugly duckling. However, this represents the future of the German aviation industry. Qin Tian also believed that soon this ugly duckling would grow into a real white swan.

"Your Highness, this is the aircraft we developed." Gustav Lilienthal said.

Qin Tian walked over and circled the plane. This is a biplane, and it is naturally incomparable with those jet aircraft of later generations. However, this is also the best aircraft that can be developed under the existing technical conditions.

"Let me introduce this plane!" Qin Tian said.

"Wilbur, Orville, which one of you would like to introduce this aircraft to Your Highness?" Gustav Lilienthal asked.

Wilbur and Orville are the famous Wright Brothers. However, after Qin Tian paid a sky-high acquisition fee, the two ended their careers in the United States and joined the fighter jet research and development project led by Gustav Lilienthal.

"Brother, come on!" Orville Wright said.

Wilbur Wright nodded.

"Your Highness, this aircraft was designed according to your reminder. The length of the aircraft is 7.3 meters, the wingspan is 9.5 meters, and the height is 2.4 meters. The take-off weight is 500 kg, the maximum flight speed is 120 kilometers per hour, the maximum ceiling is 2800 meters, and the endurance is 1.5 hours. The weapon is a 12.7 mm heavy machine gun with two hundred rounds of ammunition. In addition, there are two It can carry two 25kg aerial bombs," said Wilbur Wright.

"So, this plane is barely capable of actual combat." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Gustav Lilienthal nodded.

"Let the pilot start the test flight!" Qin Tian didn't say much.

Although, in Qin Tian's eyes, this aircraft is still far from actual combat. But in any case, a breakthrough of zero has been achieved. First solve the problem of whether or not, and then further develop on this basis. Qin Tian

believed that they would be able to develop an aircraft that would satisfy him in a short time.

"Okay, Your Highness." Gustav Lilienthal nodded.

The test pilot climbed into the plane after saluting Qin Tian. With the help of the ground crew, the propeller of the plane spun up.

Then, the test pilot released the brakes, and the plane began to taxi on the runway. After taxiing for more than 200 meters, the nose of the plane began to rise. Under the surging power of the engine, the plane rushed into the sky like a sharp arrow.

"Papa papa!"

Qin Tian took the lead in applauding. After all, flying was undoubtedly very dangerous in the early twentieth century. If you are not careful, the machine will be destroyed. So, every test pilot is courageous. Even though Qin Tian is the crown prince of the empire, he should pay his respects to these test pilots.

The plane is flying in the air, doing test flight actions one by one. Although it is a little clumsy, in general, there is already a trace of fighter jets of later generations. Qin Tian believes that based on this fighter, Germany will develop better fighters in the future.

Chapter 143: air force ambition

The plane flew a circle over the R&D center and then landed. The whole process was very safe and there was no problem.

After the test pilot got off the plane, he was even warmly greeted by Qin Tian. For such a warrior, Qin Tian undoubtedly admired him very much. It is precisely because of these people that Germany's aviation industry will develop rapidly.

Although, Qin Tian really wanted to experience the fun of flying. However, he still didn't say it in the end. Because he knew that once he said something, he would be strongly opposed by others. Today's planes are simply too dangerous. Qin Tian is the crown prince of the empire, how could he casually take his own life as a joke?

After the test flight, Qin Tian and the others went to the meeting room. Although he was satisfied with the progress of the research and development center, the fighter jet code-named F1 in front of him still fell far short of his expectations.

"Everyone, first of all, I would like to congratulate you on your success. It is undoubtedly not easy to develop an excellent aircraft according to my requirements in such a short period of time. I know that you have been very happy these days. For your hard work, on behalf of the empire, I thank you for your efforts. It is because of this that the empire can be at the forefront of the world in the field of aviation!"

After listening to Qin Tian's words, the eyes of many German engineers and experts were red. Isn't the reason why they work so hard for Germany to become stronger?

Even those non-German engineers and experts were very moved. Of course, because of the success of the project, they also received a lot of bonuses.

"Your Highness, this is what we should do." Gustav Lilienthal said.

"However, what I want to tell everyone is that although you have achieved initial success, there is still a big gap from the real actual combat standard. Therefore, I hope that you can make persistent efforts and develop better performance as soon as possible. Fighter aircraft." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Gustav Lilienthal and others replied.

"Nowadays, almost all aircraft in various countries are biplanes. Although biplanes have great advantages in terms of flight stability and hovering performance, they have a fatal disadvantage in terms of speed. In the next step, I hope that everyone will use monoplanes. In the future, the fighters equipped by the empire will be fighters with a speed of more than 200 kilometers per hour and a range of more than 500 kilometers. I know that this requirement is difficult for everyone. But I believe that everyone will be able to do it." Qin Tian said.

What Qin Tian said was the German Fokker E-type fighter in another time and space, the advanced fighter that created the Fokker-type disaster. After the German Air Force equipped a large number of Fokker E-type fighter jets, the pilots of the Allied Powers could not live for six weeks, and they were also called widowmakers.

Now, with the full support of Deutsche Engine Manufacturing Company, at least in terms of engines, Germany is already at the leading level in the world. Therefore, it should not be a big problem for Qin Tian to ask them to develop an aircraft that is slightly ahead of the Fokker E fighter. What's more, the current aircraft research and development center in Germany has gathered the top group of people from the whole of Germany and even the world. It should not be a big problem for Germany to achieve leapfrog development in this area.

"Your Highness, the request you made is indeed very difficult. However, we will do our best. We will strive to realize Your Highness's request within three years." Gustav Lilienthal said.

Qin Tian nodded. Although three years is not a short time, if he can really succeed, that would be pretty good. At that time, as long as Germany produces on a large scale, even if only a few hundred new fighter jets are

equipped at the beginning of the war, it will be enough to defeat the air forces of other countries.

"In addition to fighter jets, we also need to develop bombers. Bombers are divided into land-based bombers and ship-based bombers. Land-based bombers must have a large bomb load and a long range. As for other aspects, they can be slightly worse. However, carrier-based bombers require high strength, short take-off distance, and as much bomb load as possible. I hope that you will be successful in these aspects in the next few years. If successful, you will be able to. At that time, everyone will get a valuable bonus." Qin Tian said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Everyone replied.

Although, in their opinion, many of Qin Tian's requests are really unimaginable. However, after thinking about it for a while, they had to admit that these requests made by Qin Tian were too forward-looking.

Especially carrier-based aircraft, when all countries still use aircraft in the airspace on land, Qin Tian has already started planning to use it at sea. Once it is really successful, this will undoubtedly further improve the strength of the German navy.

Qin Tian hopes to at least develop a torpedo attack aircraft before the war breaks out. In this way, the German Navy will be able to build several aircraft carriers carrying these torpedo attack aircraft in the future. Even if it can only mount light torpedoes or medium torpedoes, once the enemy's surface warships are besieged, very good results can be obtained. Of course, Qin Tian also knew that it was not realistic to develop a torpedo attack aircraft that could mount heavy aviation torpedoes before the First World War. Even if it is developed, it cannot take off and land on an aircraft carrier. The deck of an aircraft carrier is only that long. A plane that is too large simply cannot take off in such a short distance.

After leaving Oralinburg, Qin Tian began to plan the development of the air force. If you have an airplane, you need someone to do it. Although the performance of the current aircraft is not up to standard, these aircraft can be used to train pilots first. When more advanced aircraft were developed, Germany had enough pilots to fly them into combat.

It is not realistic to directly establish an air force in one step. Even the establishment of an army air force or a naval air force is not realistic. On the one hand, there will be many obstacles, and not everyone knows the role of the plane. On the other hand, it is also easy to leak secrets. Qin Tian regarded these planes as Germany's trump card. Whether it is a land-based air force or an aircraft carrier's carrier-based aircraft, it must be kept under high secrecy.

After much deliberation, Qin Tian decided to set up an aviation team within the 8th Army, and at the same time select qualified personnel from the 8th Army for training, striving to train as many pilots as possible to prepare for future wars. Of course, once the time is right, the 8th Army Air Force will develop into the Imperial Army Air Force, and in the future it will develop into the Imperial Air Force!

Chapter 144: The death of the King of England (for collection)

In April 1910, Qin Tian submitted to the German Navy the design of the next level of battleships and battlecruisers, namely the "King-class" battleship and the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser.

Experts from the Ministry of the Navy and the Naval Technical Committee have reviewed the design proposals of these two classes of capital ships, although there are some disputes in their construction because of the high cost. However, Marshal Earl Tirpitz's firm attitude allowed the design plans of these two classes of battleships to be approved. William II also respected Qin Tian's opinion and did not raise any objections.

At the end of April, the construction of the "King-class" battleship and the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser began one after another.

The "King-class" battleship is even bigger, with a displacement of 37,000 tons. It is equipped with three triple-mounted 50-caliber 380mm main guns. This will be the largest caliber main gun ever equipped by Germany and the world. Of course, there will be capital ships equipped with larger caliber main guns in the future. In terms of defense, the thickness of the main armor of the 'King-class' battleships has also reached 380 mm, greatly enhancing the defense. Compared with the "King-class" battleship in another time and space, it has undergone earth-shaking changes. In terms of maximum speed, it did not decrease due to the increase in displacement. By adopting more powerful oil-fired boilers and steam turbines, the maximum speed of the "King-class" battleships remained above 23 knots.

After the approval of William II, the "King Class" battleship also plans to build five ships, namely the first ship "King", the second ship "Great Kurfürher", the third ship "Border Governor", and the fourth ship "****", the fifth ship 'Queen Victoria'.

The 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruiser, compared with another time and space, is also completely different. Except for the same name, the rest are almost completely different. Not only has the displacement increased to 35,000 tons, but the main gun has also been replaced with three triple-mounted 380mm main guns, and the maximum speed has been increased to 27.5 knots. Compared with the "King-class" battleship, except for the slightly inferior defense, the rest are similar. It is even said that if the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers are placed on the battle line for battleship duels, there is no problem at all. The thick armor and powerful firepower have an overwhelming advantage once they encounter British battlecruisers. The thin-skinned British battlecruisers will be blown up one after another.

Under Qin Tian's continuous efforts, the German Navy has finally completely changed the development track of another time and space. Although most of the battleships have the same name, they are completely different in essence. Compared with the capital ships of the German High Seas Fleet in another time and space, these capital ships are now more powerful.

Of course, in order to build so many battleships, Germany is about to clean up its fortunes. If it weren't for Qin Tian and the royal family's continuous blood transfusion to the navy, the navy would have been unable to hold on long ago.

Even so, if the war fails to break out as scheduled, German finances will only collapse. Therefore, Qin Tian and the German government will not let this war drag on for too long. By 1914 at the latest, it must erupt. Only in this way can domestic conflicts be transferred through war. At the same time, by plundering the defeated country, it can make up for its own consumption in the arms race.

It is not only Germany that faces such a choice, but other countries as well. A large amount of money is used in the arms race, making their fiscal deficit very serious. Once the finances fail, the country may collapse. At that time, war will become the only way to divert the public's attention. If you can defeat the enemy in the war, you can restore your own financial resources by plundering the enemy's wealth. Of course, if you lose, there will be no future.

At this time, it can be said that war is inevitable. Of course, no country wants to avoid war. In fact, everyone has a consensus on the upcoming war, but they don't know when the war will break out and how it will be detonated. Germany hopes to defeat the old world colonial system established by Britain and France through war and **** more colonies. Britain and France hope to take advantage of this war to completely bring down Germany and relieve

Germany's threat to them. As for Russia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it was for the hegemony of the Balkan Peninsula. The Americans on the other side of the ocean want to wait until the war breaks out, make a fortune from the war, and steal world hegemony at the same time. It can be said that every country has its own ghosts. Under such circumstances, war is naturally inevitable.

What countries can do is to accumulate as much strength as possible so that they can win in one fell swoop in future wars. Of course, attracting more allies is also an important strategy for winning. It is almost inevitable that the major powers in the world will be involved in this war.

On May 6, a major event that shocked countries all over the world happened. King Edward VII died at Buckingham Palace from pneumonia. You must know that although the national strength of the United Kingdom has begun to decline, it is still facing challenges from countries such as the United States and Germany. However, with their powerful navy, they are still the world's most powerful country, and their position as the supremacy of the sea is as solid as gold. The death of Edward VII was a huge shock to the whole world.

Edward VII is the second child and eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. His full name is Albert Edward von Saxon Coburg-Gotha. , Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rotersey, Earl of Dublin. Although he was unfaithful to his wife and his private life was extremely chaotic, he was still a very popular and amiable monarch and social leader.

Although, when he was young, Edward VII was a lazy, luxurious and lustful playboy. Even after becoming a prostitute, she also had many mistresses, including Sir Charlie's wife, Ms. Harriet Mordang. The wife of his entourage, Lord Eli Foster. And Miss Agnes, the spinster, and so on.

It wasn't until Queen Elizabeth died and became king that Edward VII began to restrain himself.

Edward VII has a distinguished status. In terms of seniority, he can be regarded as the uncle of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The monarchs of other European countries can be regarded as his juniors. His death has also become a major event in Europe.

Chapter 145: Visit England

On May 7th, William II urgently convened an imperial meeting. The content of the meeting was only one, that is, after the death of Edward VII, what would happen to Britain's foreign policy, and who should Germany send to represent Germany in Edward VII's funeral, and the enthronement of the new king.

"Everyone, King Edward VII has passed away. There is no doubt that Prince George will inherit the throne. Is this a good or bad thing for the German Empire?" William II asked. Even though the dead person could be regarded as his uncle, he didn't even feel any sadness in his heart. In his eyes, the most important thing is still the interests of the German Empire.

"Your Majesty, Prince George is probably more difficult to deal with than King Edward VII. Although he is young, he is an unswerving main fighter who advocates suppressing the living space of the empire. Therefore, after Prince George succeeded to the throne, Britain's attitude towards the empire may become even tougher. The empire needs to be prepared for this," said Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow.

William II nodded with an ugly face. Prince George can be regarded as his distant cousin. Although they didn't have much contact, he still knew about Prince George's character and propositions through the information obtained from various sources.

"Your Majesty, it is already obvious that the British are trying to trap the empire in continental Europe. They have formed an alliance with France and

Russia. This alliance is undoubtedly aimed at the empire. Therefore, what the empire can do, only defeat them in future wars. The Imperial Navy is preparing for this. I believe that in the decisive battle in the future, the Imperial Navy will definitely be able to win." Admiral Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Navy, looked confident. It is said that as the capital ships of the German Navy start construction one after another, the strength of the German Navy is also increasing rapidly. Once the war breaks out, the possibility of the German navy winning the battle is undoubtedly very high. This naturally made Marshal Count Tirpitz full of confidence.

"Master of the Navy, although the British signed treaties with France and Russia respectively, it is worth noting that none of the treaties signed by the British with France and Russia were military alliance treaties. Only France and Russia signed treaties of military alliance. Therefore, even if war breaks out, the British may not necessarily join the war, and the only enemies facing the empire may be France and Britain." Little Maoqi jumped out.

After getting into trouble with Qin Tian, Xiao Maoqi was always extremely targeted towards Qin Tian's people.

William II couldn't help but frowned. He also knew that Britain had not signed a military alliance treaty with France and Russia. If, once the war breaks out, Britain can sit on the sidelines, that would be the best. It's just that although William II is looking forward to such a situation, he also knows that the possibility of such a situation will be very, very small, close to zero.

"The British will never stand on the sidelines. Once we go to war with France, the British will definitely join the war. The British know that without their support, the French are no match for us. Once they go to war, they will definitely be defeated by us. Once the French are defeated, the Russians will be even less of a threat to us. At that time, the empire will dominate Europe. Even with the barriers of the Channel, Britain will no longer be safe. The world

hegemony of the British will not Therefore, we are faced with a fatal challenge. Therefore, I believe that once the war breaks out, the British will definitely join the war without hesitation. Therefore, we must be fully prepared." Minister of War von Falkenhain expressed his opinion. It's just that his opinion is completely opposite to that of Little Mao Qi. The contradiction between the two giants of the army is already well known.

Little Maoqi glared at von Falkenhain, but the latter turned a blind eye to it.

"Oscar, what's your opinion?" William II asked.

"Father, I also think that Prince George's succession to the throne is not a good thing for the empire. It can be said that from now on, we have to give up all illusions about the British and prepare for war with all our strength. War is already inevitable. Of course, there is no way to avoid war. There is only one way, that is, from now on, Germany will give up developing the navy, giving up challenging the British hegemony, and giving up developing overseas colonies." Qin Tian said .

After listening to Qin Tian's words, Wilhelm II's face turned dark as if it was the bottom of a pot. His lifelong goal is to lead the German Empire to replace Britain and become the hegemon of the world. How is it possible to make him give up this ideal? Besides, Germany's military strength is now developing very rapidly, and William II has even seen a glimmer of hope to defeat Britain. It would be even more impossible for him to give up at this time.

"Since the war between us and Britain is inevitable. Then, let's prepare for war!" William II said. Although he still has the heart not to want to break out of war with Britain, but for the benefit of the country, if this battle has to be fought, he has no choice but to fight it. What's more, William II also believed that Germany would have a great chance of winning in future wars. Under

such circumstances, he would even less want to avoid war at the expense of Germany's interests.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" All the ministers replied. Of course, the war will bring great losses to Germany, but if the war can be won, it will also be of great benefit to Germany. Germany will replace Great Britain as the world's most powerful country. Those in power, of course, can get a lot of benefits from it.

"Then, King Edward VII has passed away, and Prince George is about to become king. Who should we send to England to represent the empire at Edward VII's funeral and Prince George's coronation ceremony?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, let the Foreign Minister go." Prime Minister Biluo suggested.

William II shook his head: "It is not enough for the foreign minister to represent the empire. Oscar, you should go to England to represent the empire!"

"Yes, Father!" Qin Tian did not expect that William II would let him visit England. However, he didn't care. As the crown prince of the empire, it was one of his responsibilities to represent the empire to visit other countries. What's more, he can also take this opportunity to go to England to see the real situation.

Chapter 146: Civilian Faction Overtures

On May 15, Qin Tian left Berlin together with Foreign Minister von Kidren Wascht and went to Wilhelmshaven by train. There they will board the battleship Nassau of the Imperial Navy and head to England.

Although, some are reluctant to let go of their wives. Especially when Princess Gundelinde was pregnant, Qin Tian didn't want to leave Germany

anymore. However, as the crown prince, while enjoying power, he must also undertake corresponding obligations, which made him have to complete this visit. Fortunately, it doesn't take much time to go to the UK for a visit. Including the time spent on the road, it only takes about half a month in total.

On the morning of May 16, Qin Tian and the foreign minister boarded the battleship 'Nassau', the first dreadnought ship of the German Navy. Even with the follow-up and more powerful "Witchersbach-class" battleships already in service, the battleship "Nassau" is still a well-deserved capital ship of the German Navy. What's more, compared to the battleships of the British Navy, apart from the 'Orion-class' battleships that are under construction, the battleship 'Nassau' can be said to be a rare opponent.

Even if the "Orion-class" battleship is equipped with a 343mm main gun with 45 times the caliber, in terms of performance, it is not necessarily stronger than the 50 times the caliber of the "Nassau" 305mm main gun. Not to mention, the armor of the "Nassau" battleship is thicker than that of the "Orion-class" battleship, and its defense is stronger. Once the war starts, the battleship 'Nassau' may be able to resist the battleship 'Orion'.

The battleship 'Nassau' began to vibrate, and the propeller was driven by the steam turbine to rotate rapidly. Battleships also gradually changed from static to moving. When the battleship sailed out of the military port and entered the North Sea, the battleship began to accelerate.

Although the battleship 'Nassau' has a maximum speed of 21 knots, except for the fact that such a speed will break out during the test and in future naval battles, it usually cruises at a speed of ten knots . From Wilhelmshaven to London, the battleship "Nassau" needs to sail for two full days.

However, Edward VII's funeral will be held a week later, and they still have enough time to arrive in London.

Standing on the deck of the "Nassau" battleship, feeling the oncoming sea breeze, savoring the feeling of a huge battleship riding the wind and waves, Qin Tian was very moved. In his previous life, he was just an otaku, but now he has become the heir to one of the world's most powerful empires. All of this is like in a dream.

More importantly, this empire is completely different from another time and space. With Qin Tian's unremitting efforts, this empire is becoming stronger. Qin Tian believed that once the war broke out, they would definitely win in the future.

"His Royal Highness!" A voice sounded behind Qin Tian.

Qin Tian looked back and saw that it was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Empire, von Kidren Wachter. The specific name of the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs in Germany was actually Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

"Hello, Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs!" Qin Tian nodded and said.

Qin Tian also hopes to win over the important ministers of the civil servant faction of the empire. However, neither the Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow nor the Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter clearly stated their support for him! They are more like staying neutral, or that William II decides who is the heir to the empire, and they support whoever.

This is undoubtedly not beneficial to Qin Tian. Although, Qin Tian has already gained a lot of support from the military. The navy has all fallen to him. Among the army, at least half of the people support him. However, Xiao Maoqi made it clear that he opposed him. If the civil service faction can support him, then his position is truly impregnable. Otherwise, a word from William II may prevent him from being crown prince. Of course, even William II would not easily replace the Crown Prince of the Empire. But, who made Qin Tian still

have the word "generation" on his head? This makes his position relatively unstable.

"Your Highness, it's hard to imagine that the giant ship under our feet belongs to the Empire. It is a miracle that the Imperial Navy caught up with Britain in an extremely short time, and even overtook it." Von Kidren? Wahit sighed.

As an important minister of the empire, von Kidren Wacht naturally knew the real situation of the imperial navy. In order to prevent the outside world from knowing the true situation of its own navy, the German navy has done a lot of deceptive work. The gun cover of the main gun is always covered on the cannon except during training. The outside world simply does not know the caliber of the main guns of the German Navy's battleships.

The major shipyards have also stepped up their vigilance, making it impossible for spies from various countries to find out the real situation. Once the war breaks out, the true strength of the German navy will surely surprise other countries.

"This is the joint effort of everyone in the Imperial Navy. Of course, the support of the cabinet is also indispensable. After all, these big guys are very expensive." Qin Tian said with a smile.

The navy is a military service that burns money. A battleship costs tens of millions of marks. Without strong financial support, it simply cannot be played. Even Germany could barely hold on.

"Your Highness, I know the true situation of the Navy. If it weren't for Your Highness, the Imperial Navy would not be where it is today." Von Kidren Wacht shook his head.

Qin Tian smiled and didn't say much. Indeed, it was precisely because of his strong promotion that the German Navy was able to develop by leaps and

bounds. Otherwise, the Imperial Navy will always be suppressed by the British.

"Based on the achievements of His Highness alone, I personally think that His Highness should be the heir of the empire. In the entire empire, no one is more suitable for this position than His Highness. Even the former Crown Prince William is far inferior to His Highness." Von Kidren Wachter continued.

Qin Tian couldn't help thinking about what von Kidren Wachter meant. Could it be that the attitude of the civil servant faction will change because of this? If this is the case, this is undoubtedly a great thing for him. With the support of the civil servant faction, his position will be more stable.

Although he thought so in his heart, Qin Tian still remained calm when he was not really sure.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, you are flattering me. Whether I can become the crown prince is determined by my father. I personally support any decision he makes!" Qin Tian said.

Chapter 147: Greeting or Demonstration (seeking collection)

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, I have only one goal. Whether I am the crown prince of the empire or an ordinary prince, I hope to do my best so that the empire can defeat the enemy and win the war in future wars. The outcome of future wars is so important, it is related to the future of the German Empire and the Germanic nation. If we lose, the empire will cease to exist, and the Germanic nation will have no future." Qin Tian resolutely answer.

Qin Tian's answer made von Kidren Wachter a little moved. In many respects, Qin Tian's performance was much better than Crown Prince William's. Von Kidren Waschter believed that Qin Tian was undoubtedly the best candidate for the crown prince of the German Empire. Even Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow thinks so.

This also caused the attitude of the civil servant faction in Germany to gradually change, from the previous neutrality to the current clear statement of support for Qin Tian. Of course, they did this to protect their interests. Otherwise, once Qin Tian inherits the throne, he will definitely attack the civil servant faction. They don't want to think of a solution when things come to an end. Investing in advance, although there will be some risks to some extent, will also result in more returns.

"His Royal Highness, His Excellency the Prime Minister and I, as well as other cabinet ministers, all recognize His Highness. From now on, we will fully support His Highness." Von Kidren Wachter said solemnly .

After Qin Tian heard this sentence, he was very happy. With the support of the civil servant faction, his last shortcoming can be regarded as filled. His crown prince position will also be extremely stable.

"Is this also what the Prime Minister meant?" Qin Tian asked.

"Yes, Your Highness. Your Excellency the Prime Minister also meant the same thing." Von Kidren Wascht nodded.

Actually, the reason why he showed his favor to Qin Tian was entirely on the intention of Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow.

Qin Tian nodded: "Thank you for your trust and support in me. I promise that in the next few years, I will do my duty as a crown prince. Moreover, I will try my best to ensure that the empire will survive in future wars." Victorious!"

Next, Qin Tian and von Kidren Wachter exchanged views on the international situation. As a latecomer, Qin Tian naturally knew the direction of history. Many of his views, although very novel, are also recognized by von Kidren Wascht. This also makes von Kidren Wacht very grateful for today's choice. No matter what, it is better to support a truly talented person than to support a person who is ambitious, talented and ignorant!

In the afternoon of the next day, the battleship "Nassau" arrived at the mouth of the Thames. It's not far from London. According to the previous notice of the British government, after the warships of various countries arrive, they will berth at the port of Grace. When Prince George ascends the throne, a grand ship review ceremony will be held at the estuary of the Thames River. Warships from various countries will also participate in this ship review ceremony.

"We will arrive in London soon. Next time, our warships will have to defeat the British if they want to arrive here!" Qin Tian said with emotion. This place is not far from London, the capital of the United Kingdom, and has always been the focus of British defense.

The battleship 'Nassau' has encountered British Navy ships many times after entering the Thames estuary. However, they are basically destroyers or cruisers.

"Your Highness, we will definitely have the opportunity to come here again!" A young general stood beside Qin Tian and said to him. He is the Chief of Staff of the High Seas Fleet, Rear Admiral Reinhard Scheer.

Qin Tian nodded, convinced of this. Compared with another time and space, the current German navy is not even a little bit stronger. In the Battle of Jutland in another time and space, the German navy achieved tactical victories. Then, in this time and space, the German Navy will have a greater chance of winning. As long as the British navy can be defeated in the naval battle, Germany will win this battle.

Major Admiral Reinhardt Scheer is also an admiral that Qin Tian values. In another time and space, he was the commander of the High Seas Fleet. In terms of personal ability, it is undoubtedly very good.

The battleship 'Nassau' continued to sail westward, but half an hour later, it was discovered that there were two more battleships of the British Navy ahead.

"Your Highness, the British have sent battleships to meet us!" Major General Reinhard Scheer said.

"Welcome us? I don't think so. The British sent two battleships at once, and the elements of the demonstration may be bigger!" Qin Tian said with a smile. He didn't care about these little tricks of the British at all.

"The two battleships of the British look smaller than our battleship 'Nassau'!" Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter said.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, this is due to the distance between them. In fact, the two British battleships are not much smaller than our battleship 'Nassau'. According to the data we have obtained, the displacement is only 500 less. It's just a ton. However, in terms of combat effectiveness, our battleship 'Nassau' can definitely defeat the British battleships. Even if one is used to deal with two ships, the chances of winning are very high." Major General Reinhard Scheer , appearing very confident.

Although the displacement of the 'Nassau-class' battleship and the 'St. Vincent-class' battleship are similar, the firepower and defense of both sides are still dominated by the 'Nassau-class'. The defensive power of the 'Nassau-class' battleship is stronger than that of the 'Saint Vincent-class' battleship that pursues speed too much. Similarly, the 305mm main gun with fifty times the caliber of the "Nassau-class" battleship is far superior to the British "St. Vincent-class" battleship in terms of armor-piercing ability.

While Qin Tian and others were discussing about the British battleship, a young British admiral on the battleship 'St. Vincent' of the British Navy was

also observing the battleship 'Nassau' with a telescope. He is Brigadier General David Beatty, captain of the battleship St. Vincent of the British Navy.

"Huh! The battleships built by the Germans are really ugly. The short and thick hull looks like a fat pig, not at all as beautiful as the battleships of the British Empire, just like a work of art. Brigadier General David Beatty put down the binoculars in his hand and said disdainfully. As a noble admiral of the Royal Navy, he has his own pride.

Chapter 148: Overlord's Twilight

"General, the German battleship doesn't look like a big deal. Compared with our "St. Vincent-class" battleship, it doesn't have any advantages." A British officer said beside Brigadier General David Beatty.

"Well! Our 'St. Vincent-class' battleships are definitely not inferior to those of the Germans." Brigadier General David Beatty was also very sure.

As the sea supremacy, Commodore David Beatty has great confidence in Britain's shipbuilding capabilities. What's more, the era of dreadnoughts was also opened by them. Although the German navy has been catching up, Brigadier General David Beatty still believes that the British navy still has an absolute advantage so far.

Actually, if you compare the number of capital ships between Britain and Germany, the British have no advantage now. Of the dreadnought ships currently in service, the British have one battleship 'Dreadnought', three 'Bellerophon-class' battleships, three 'Saint Vincent-class' battleships and three 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers, and there are only ten ships in total. That's all. The German Navy has four "Nassau-class" battleships, five "Helgoland-class" battleships, and three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers. In comparison, the German Navy even has a little advantage.

Of course, if the capital ship under construction is counted, the German Navy may not have any advantage. In the British shipyard, the "Neptune"

battleship is about to enter service, and the two "Giant-class" battleships are about to undergo sea trials. The construction of four 'Orion-class' battleships has also started. In addition, three 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruisers are about to enter service, and two 'Lion-class' battlecruisers are also under construction. As for the German Navy, there are currently only five "Caesar"-class battleships and three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers under construction. Construction of the five 'King-class' battleships and three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers has just started.

If the shipbuilding plan of the British Navy in this time and space does not change significantly from another time and space Qin Tian is familiar with. Then, in the past few years, the British will build warships like dumplings. For example, the 'King George V-class' battleship, the 'Iron Duke-class' battleship, the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleship and the 'Revenge-class' battleship, as well as the 'Tiger' battlecruiser and a large number of advanced capital ships will start construction, The strength of the British Navy reached a peak. Of course, in the next few years, the German Navy will not be idle, and will go all out to start building more capital ships. This will make the duel between the two sides more intense and full of uncertainty this time.

"General, the main turret of the Germans is covered by a gun jacket, I don't know what they are doing!" A British officer said.

"Huh! The Germans are just playing tricks. Send a semaphore and welcome them!" Brigadier General David Beatty ordered.

"Yes, General." The officer nodded.

Soon, the battleship "St. Vincent" played a flag welcoming the German Crown Prince to visit the United Kingdom. The battleship "Nassau" also responded, thanking the British Navy for coming to welcome it.

The "Nassau" battleship, led by two "St. Vincent-class" battleships of the British Navy, sailed into the Thames River and finally entered the port of Grace.

After entering the port, Qin Tiancai realized that he had not come early, and almost all the special envoys from other countries had arrived.

Although the relationship between Britain and Germany is very tense now, in order to show respect for the German crown prince, Prince George's son, Prince Edward, rushed to Grace to welcome Qin Tian in person. Although, Prince Edward is only sixteen years old now. However, after Prince George ascends the throne to become the king of the United Kingdom, according to the right of succession to the throne, he will become the queen of the United Kingdom.

"His Royal Highness, welcome to the UK!" Prince Edward said.

"Thank you very much. The death of His Majesty Edward VII is a great loss to the whole world. He was such an outstanding king who was deeply loved by the people. Please condolences, Your Highness!" Qin Tian looked at Prince Edward's expression. With a slightly childish face, he said these words according to the script.

In Qin Tian's eyes, although Prince Edward is still young, perhaps because of family inheritance, the fate of this prince is also strange. Like most British princes, Prince Edward also likes to mix with married women. In the future, he will even marry Mrs. Simpson despite the opposition of the ruling and opposition parties, so that he has to abdicate and be succeeded by his younger brother as King of England. . Although, people who love beauty and don't love country make people talk about it. But in Qin Tian's view, this is simply a complete idiot.

Qin Tian and Prince Edward exchanged pleasantries in Port Grace, and after talking without any nourishment, they drove to London.

"Your Highness, the ambassador to the United Kingdom reports that the special envoys or representatives of various countries have almost arrived, and we are the latest!" Von Kidren Wachter said.

"Well! The British Empire is worthy of being the overlord for hundreds of years, and everyone in the world should give them face." Qin Tian's tone revealed a hint of envy.

Indeed, no country has suppressed the whole world for hundreds of years like Britain. A small country occupies the most extensive colony in the world, and has reached the pinnacle of the world by continuously plundering the wealth of the colonies.

Von Kidren? Vachite nodded. This topic seems to be a bit heavy, making him feel like a big rock is pressing on his heart. Although over the years, Germany has been ambitious to challenge the United Kingdom. However, the British Empire has stood at the pinnacle of the world for hundreds of years, and encountered countless challenges during this period, but eventually won. Can Germany win this time? Nobody knows. Moreover, once Germany fails, the consequences will be very serious.

Qin Tian also sensed the change in von Kidren Wascht's mood, so he said: "Your Excellency, Foreign Minister, although the British Empire is very powerful, it is not the time of Queen Elizabeth. At that time, the British Empire was in full swing, and there was no Which country can compete with them. But now? Everything is different. The British Empire now seems to have reached dusk. We will definitely be able to defeat them in the future and replace them as the hegemon of the world. "

Von Kidrun Wacht nodded, as if he was infected by Qin Tian's self-confidence.

Chapter 149: parade

After Qin Tian arrived in London, he stayed at the hotel prepared by the British side, took a short rest, and took the time to have a brief meeting with the German ambassador to the UK. From the ambassador to the UK, I learned about the current situation in the UK.

That night, Prince George held a grand welcome dinner for Qin Tian's arrival at Buckingham Palace. British military and political officials, nobles and social celebrities, as well as those special envoys or representatives from various countries who arrived in the UK first, all attended the banquet. Welcome dinner.

Prince George left after only half an hour at the dinner because he had to prepare for the funeral of Edward VII and his rank ceremony. Prince Edward accompanied the guests who came from afar on his behalf.

The young Prince Edward obviously couldn't attract everyone's attention. In contrast, Qin Tian really became the focus of the dinner.

As the crown prince of the German Empire, Qin Tian is not very old, only twenty-two years old. In the eyes of everyone, he is already quite young. What's more, Qin Tian is also in control of wealth that can rival a country, which makes him even more eye-catching. I don't know how many noble wives and young ladies want to climb into his bed, even if it's just for one night, they can only wait for it.

However, among these noble ladies and young ladies, although there are many beauties. But Qin Tian is a clean freak. Unlike the princes of the British royal family, he doesn't like buses. In his eyes, there is only Princess Gondlindé. In comparison, those other people are just vulgar fans.

After one after another noble ladies and young ladies offered to invite Qin Tian to dance and were rejected, no one continued to try. After all, they are people with status, so naturally they don't want to be slapped in the face again and again.

"His Highness Oscar, good evening. I really envy His Highness, who has become the focus of the entire dinner. But I have heard complaints from those ladies and ladies that His Highness is a man who doesn't understand style." A man with a beautiful horoscope Hu's middle-aged man came over with a wine glass.

"His Excellency, good evening." Qin Tian knew this person. He was Germany's most loyal ally—the crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Archduke Ferdinand. He was also an extremely tragic figure.

A few years later, this crown prince with a heart higher than the sky will become the fuse of a world war. And his ambition will disappear because of his death. The powerful Austro-Hungarian Empire will disintegrate because of this war.

Of course, Qin Tian knew all this, but he would not remind Archduke Ferdinand. Although Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire are close allies, this is because both sides are under huge external pressure, which makes them have to hold together for warmth. If the outcome of the war is rewritten and Germany wins the war, will the future Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire still be close allies? The continent of Europe is too small for two large countries.

What's more, Archduke Ferdinand is also an ambitious person. Qin Tian didn't want Germany to have another big country with great ambitions after defeating Britain and France. In this case, after winning the world war, Germany has to deal with an ambitious ally. In contrast, Qin Tian thinks that Archduke Ferdinand should die.

"Your Highness, look over there. The Russian Foreign Minister and the French Foreign Minister have joined together. The Italians are also with them. This makes me wonder what the Italians stand for!" Archduke Ferdinand Said.

Qin Tian couldn't help but frowned. The Italians were double-faced, and he knew it very well. Even on this occasion, the fact that the Italian foreign minister got together with the French foreign minister and the Russian foreign minister did not mean anything. However, this is enough to cause people to be wary.

"Your Excellency, you are too sensitive. Perhaps, they are just ordinary chats."

Archduke Ferdinand smiled and did not continue this topic.

After chatting for a few words, Archduke Ferdinand left with a glass of wine. There is a full twenty-five years difference in age between him and Qin Tian, and it is difficult for the two of them to have a common language.

Qin Tian left before the dinner was over, and von Kidren Wascht took advantage of this time to learn about the situation.

In the next few days, Qin Tian mainly visited the scenic spots around London.

On May 20, the funeral of Edward VII was held. The people of London cried together. It can be seen that the British royal family in this era has undoubtedly had a great influence on the British people. There are indeed many people who love the royal family. Far from being like a hundred years later, many British people have already regarded the royal family as parasites.

The people who saw Edward VII off almost included all the major powers in the world, including the Crown Prince of Germany, the Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary, the Prince of Italy, the Prince of Sweden, the Dutch Special Envoy, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, the Minister of Foreign Affairs

of Russia, the Secretary of State of the United States, and the Foreign Affairs Office of Japan* Minister and so on.

"If Britain was not the hegemon of the world, I am afraid that so many people would not have paid attention to the death of Edward VII! But, because of Britain's hegemony, everything is different!" Qin Tian sighed in his heart. This also strengthened his determination, and he wanted Germany to take advantage of this war to overthrow Britain and replace it as the world's hegemon.

Prince George's coronation ceremony, on the third day after Edward VII's funeral. Witnessed by British cabinet ministers, celebrities, representatives of various countries and envoys stationed in the UK, the archbishop of the British diocese put on the crown symbolizing the British throne for Prince George. Prince George, officially King George V.

The next day, everyone went to Portsmouth Naval Port to attend the grand ship review held by the British Navy to celebrate George V's accession to the throne. Warships from various countries also arrived at Portsmouth Naval Port from Grace.

Outside the naval port of Portsmouth, hundreds of warships of the British Navy passed in front of the cruise ship where King George V and others were located. Among these warships, the most cutting-edge dreadnoughts of the British Navy were included. "St. Vincent-class" battleship, "Bellerophon-class" battleship, "Invincible-class" battlecruiser, "Dreadnought" battleship, one is not bad.

In addition, there are more than thirty pre-dreadnought ships. Although, after the advent of dreadnoughts, the combat effectiveness of these former dreadnoughts has been greatly questioned. However, the dozens of former dreadnoughts of the British Navy still have considerable combat power.

The ship parade is more shocking than the military parade. In this era, only the Royal Navy of the British Empire can hold such a shocking ship review ceremony. Of course, the reason why the British held the ship review ceremony was to celebrate the enthronement of George V on the one hand, but on the other hand, it might not be to deter other countries. For example, ambitious Germany.

Chapter 150: Churchill's warning (for collection)

On the second day after the ship review ended, Qin Tian and von Kidren Wachter boarded the battleship 'Nassau' and set off to return to Germany. Prince Edward personally rushed to the pier to see them off, demonstrating the friendship between Britain and Germany.

The British Navy's ship review style is undoubtedly shocking. The whole world was shocked by it, and was shocked by the powerful strength shown by the Royal Navy. Some countries even firmly believe that the British Empire is the most powerful country on this planet.

Of course, some countries have decided to increase their investment in the navy because of this. For example, the Americans on the other side of the ocean have enough money to carry out an arms race. Small countries in the East have also strengthened their belief in developing their navy. They have many similarities with the United Kingdom. Since the British can become the world's hegemon in one fell swoop, they believe that they may also become the next British Empire.

As for Qin Tian, he saw the British Empire's external strength and internal strength. In the past, the British Empire dominated the world, and some people refused to accept it, so they just sent a powerful navy to teach them a lesson. But now, the wolves are looking around, and Britain, which has begun to decline, can only use the ship parade to show off its force to frighten other countries, thereby consolidating its position.

What's more, Germany has already determined the goal of overthrowing Britain and replacing it, so how can it be frightened by the British showing off their force? Except for the cutting-edge dreadnoughts, the rest of the warships that the British participated in the review were old pre-dreadnoughts. For Germany, this is not a threat at all. As long as the German Navy defeats Britain in terms of dreadnoughts, the remaining former dreadnoughts of the British Navy will be completely at their disposal.

After the representatives and envoys of various countries left the UK, British society gradually returned to calm. Although, the king has changed. But it has no impact on the political situation in the UK. Under the constitutional monarchy, the power of the king has been greatly compressed, and there is not much real power at all. The power of the country is almost always in the hands of the cabinet headed by the prime minister.

British Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith held a cabinet meeting. In the previous cabinet, he was chancellor of the exchequer. After the term of the previous prime minister expired, he successfully became the prime minister of the United Kingdom.

It's just that Prime Minister Asquith doesn't think the position of prime minister is a good job. When other people were prime ministers, Britain could be said to be peaceful and coercive all over the world. However, while he is prime minister, the situation is now becoming increasingly tense. The Germans are becoming more and more aggressive at sea, wanting to challenge the British maritime supremacy. The Americans on the other side of the ocean, relying on their industrial output value to rank first in the world, are also unwilling to be just an industrial power, not a world-class military power. Although he has won over France and Russia, Prime Minister Asquith still has no certainty of winning the future war.

Then King George V of England ascended the throne and held a grand ship review ceremony to deter other countries, which was the decision of the cabinet.

"Gentlemen, how is the effect of our ship review this time?" Prime Minister Asquith asked excitedly.

"Your Excellency, our ship review is very effective. At least, many countries are shocked by the Royal Navy." Secretary of the Navy McKenna smiled.

"Very good, very good, this result is what I want. Let the whole world know that the Royal Navy of the British Empire is still the most powerful navy in the world. Any attempt to provoke the British Empire will be punished by the powerful Royal Navy." It was smashed." Prime Minister Asquith said excitedly.

"Your Excellency the Prime Minister, our French allies and Russian allies are envious of the strength of the Royal Navy. They also want to build a powerful navy." Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Gray said.

"No, no! The task of the French and Russians is to develop the army and contain the Germans on land. The task of developing the navy and defeating the German navy will be undertaken by the Royal Navy. I believe that the Royal Navy will be very good Complete this task." Prime Minister Asquith said with a smile. The strength of the Royal Navy allowed him to find confidence, tasking that the hegemony of the British Empire was still impregnable.

"That's right, what your Excellency the Prime Minister said is right. The powerful Royal Navy can definitely beat the **** out of the Germans. Just like the Spaniards, Dutch and French back then, they were defeated by us time and time again. .No one can wrest sea power from the hands of the British Empire." Colonial Secretary Lewis? Vernon? Harcourt said. The reason why Britain was able to seize so many colonies around the world is inseparable

from the strength of the Royal Navy. Without a powerful navy, those British colonies might have been seized by others long ago.

All the ministers almost laughed. Everyone is very optimistic about the future situation, thinking that Britain will definitely be able to defeat Germany and other enemies and defend their world hegemony.

However, among the many cabinet ministers, one person did not have a smile on his face, and his mind was not dazzled by the success of the ship review this time. This man is Churchill. Although he is now the Minister of the Interior in the cabinet, he also served as the Secretary of the Navy before becoming the Secretary of the Interior. I have a very good understanding of the situation of the navy.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, gentlemen. Everyone seems to be too optimistic about the current situation. Maybe my words are not very pleasant. However, the fact is that. If we blindly arrogant, the British Empire may usher in a fiasco in the future That will cause us to lose world hegemony. Lost hegemony, lost overseas colonies. Will the British Empire continue to be strong? I am afraid that it will directly become a second-rate country from the world hegemony. Therefore, we cannot continue to be blindly optimistic Now, we must be vigilant and try our best to develop our military power. Only in this way may we be able to defend the supremacy of the British Empire!" Churchill said with a serious face.

Indeed, Churchill's words were not very pleasant to the ears of other ministers, and many people's faces became unsightly. They even want to speak out if they can.

Prime Minister Asquith didn't care about Churchill's words. He already valued Churchill very much, otherwise he would not have entrusted him with important tasks. If Churchill had unique insights, he was also willing to adopt them.

"Your Excellency Churchill, do you have any suggestions?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.