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Chapter 151: churchill means

"Your Excellency, gentlemen. The strength of the Royal Navy is still the number one in the world. This is beyond doubt. However, it is hard to say whether it will be able to retain the number one in the future. From the information we have obtained, Germany People are also frantically building warships. The gap between them and us is constantly narrowing. If we don't speed up, we will even be overtaken by the Germans one day." Churchill said.

"Your Excellency Churchill, your words are too alarmist, right? How can the Germans compare with us in terms of capital ships?" asked Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If the Navy wants to speed up the construction of warships, it means that additional funds need to be allocated. This is undoubtedly a great pressure on the British finances. Therefore, Lloyd George certainly hopes to maintain the current progress of warship construction.

"Your Excellency, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, this is definitely not alarmist talk. Although the Germans have always kept their cutting-edge warships highly secret. However, through many clues, we can still draw rough conclusions. For example, the Germans' first-class battleships, they Named the 'Nassau-class' battleships, a total of four were built. The displacement of the 'Nassau-class' battleships is roughly the same as our 'St. Vincent-class' battleship. The performance is roughly equivalent to that of our "St. Vincent-class" battleship. But, everyone, don't forget that this is the first dreadnought of the Germans. The "St. Vincent-class" battleship is almost the most powerful battleship in active service in the Royal Navy It is," Churchill continued.

Suddenly, the smiles on the faces of the cabinet ministers gradually dissipated. They are not fools, so they can naturally hear the stakes. The

performance of the first-class dreadnought of the German Navy is equivalent to that of the most powerful dreadnought of the British Navy. Is this worth it? Doesn't that mean that none of the battleships built before can compare with the German Navy? In this case, once the war starts, wouldn't the Royal Navy's capital ship be suppressed? How could these proud British people accept such a result?

"This is the latecomer advantage of the Germans! However, the 'Orion-class' battleship we are starting to build already uses a 343mm main gun. Once it enters service, it will greatly increase the strength of the Royal Navy!" Secretary of the Navy McCann Na retorted.

"That's right, our 'Orion-class' battleship is very powerful. But if it is going to be put into service, I'm afraid it will have to wait until the next year. What's more, according to intelligence, the second-tier battleship that the Germans have already served, namely the 'Hergo The Lan-class battleship uses a 343mm main gun." Churchill once again dropped a blockbuster.

"Impossible, this is absolutely impossible. It is absolutely impossible for the Germans to develop a 343mm main gun before us." McKenna shouted.

Indeed, this news is really shocking. The Royal Navy's battleships equipped with 343mm main guns have just begun to be built. However, the German Navy's battleships equipped with 343mm main guns have already entered service. This undoubtedly shows that the gap between the two sides is too large. Even the Royal Navy has been left behind by the German Navy.

Prime Minister Asquith's face also became serious: "Is the gap between the Royal Navy and the German Navy already so big?"

"Your Excellency, this is just a guess by the intelligence agency, and it has not been confirmed yet. However, the possibility is very high. I think this should be worthy of our attention." Churchill said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded. Even though it has not been confirmed, this information is too important. Britain must be vigilant against this. Otherwise, once the intelligence is true and Britain is not prepared, the consequences will be even more serious.

"Mr. McKenna, does the Navy have any countermeasures against this?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, I will ask the major shipyards to speed up the construction of the 'Orion-class' battleship. In addition, the follow-up 'King George V-class' battleship and the 'Iron Duke-class' battleship will also start construction as soon as possible. The Germans It is impossible to surpass us in the number of capital ships," McKenna said.

Britain's shipbuilding capacity ranks first in the world. Many shipyards are capable of building battleships. As long as they build battleships at full capacity, they will soon be able to increase the strength of the Royal Navy.

"How did the Germans have so much money to build battleships? With their fiscal revenue, they simply can't afford it." Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George said.

"Yeah! This is a big problem. We have vast colonial support and can get riches from the colonies to strengthen the navy. But what about the Germans? Although their industrial output exceeds ours, their fiscal revenue is much higher than ours. Not necessarily more than us. What's more, they have to face enemies on land. In order to defend against France and Russia, the strength of the German Army is also strengthening. Under such circumstances, where did the Germans get so much money to build such a How many battleships?" said War Secretary Richard Haldane.

This is undoubtedly the question in the minds of British cabinet ministers.

"Your Excellency, I may have guessed the reason." Churchill said.

"What's going on?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"The German royal family may have used their wealth to support the construction of the navy." Churchill said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded, indeed, it is very likely that this is the reason. The wealth held by the German royal family is also amazing.

"It seems that we have to let His Majesty the King strongly support the development of the navy." Prime Minister Asquith said.

The other ministers also nodded repeatedly. A gleam of joy flashed across the face of Secretary of the Navy McKenna. With more money, they can build more battleships, and the strength of the Royal Navy can be further improved.

"In addition to the German royal family supporting their navy, I think that the German Crown Prince Oscar is also using his own money to support the navy. The German Welfare Lottery Company, which earns a large amount of wealth in the UK every year, is now using Develop their navy and become an enemy of the British Empire. Such behavior is undoubtedly extremely shameless. Therefore, we should close the German Welfare Lottery Company." Churchill suggested.

Churchill has long been very dissatisfied with the German welfare lottery company's money grabbing in the UK. Now, it is undoubtedly possible to take advantage of this opportunity to attack the German Welfare Lottery Company.

Chapter 152: lost heavily

The Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company founded by Qin Tian can be called the most profitable company in Europe after promoting its business to the whole of Europe and the United States. The profit obtained every month is an astronomical figure. Even if a considerable part of it has to be used for

welfare and allocated to local local snakes. But Qin Tian's profit is still very considerable.

Countries have long been jealous of the German Welfare Lottery Company. It's just that due to Qin Tian's status and the reputation of the German Welfare Lottery Company in Europe, he dared not act rashly.

But if the Germans use the profits made by the German Welfare Lottery Company to develop armaments as an excuse, it will undoubtedly be able to block the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company in various countries. Then replace it with a domestic company, or the government directly participates in the operation. In this way, a considerable income can be obtained. Whether this income is used for armament construction or other aspects, it is a good supplement to the finances.

"Your Excellency, Mr. Churchill, this suggestion is really great! The wealth that the German Welfare Lottery Company plunders from the UK every year is tens of millions of pounds. If we can obtain this part of the wealth, our financial pressure will be reduced a lot "" Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer, was the first to jump out in support.

Secretary of the Navy McKenna followed suit, because he knew that if the government obtained this wealth, it would most likely be used to build warships for the navy. Although the United Kingdom is rich and powerful, the navy's military expenditures are not lacking. But no one will think too much money!

"Your Excellency, Prime Minister, we must not just stand by and watch the Germans use our money to build warships and then attack us! This is a crime against the entire British people. We must close all the business of the German Welfare Lottery in the UK! "McKenna also shouted.

"However, if we do this, I am afraid that the relationship between us and Germany will further deteriorate!" Prime Minister Asquith was a little worried.

"Your Excellency, the conflict between us and the Germans is already very acute. To put it bluntly, we are even on the verge of going to war with the Germans. Under such circumstances, we don't need to think about it at all. The attitude of the Germans has changed. As long as it is determined to be beneficial to the British Empire and can help the interests of the British Empire, even if it offends the Germans, we should do it!" said Sir Edward Gray, Foreign Secretary.

Other ministers also expressed their support for blocking the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company in the UK.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, we must not only block the business of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the UK, France and Russia, but also notify them. If possible, contact the US government and let the US government also block the Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the United States In this case, the profits of the German Welfare Lottery will be greatly affected. The support they can provide to the German Navy will be much smaller. It is delusional to surpass us!" Churchill continued.

"Your Excellency Churchill's suggestion is really great! Without sufficient financial support, the development of the German navy will inevitably be greatly affected. It is wishful thinking to compete with the Royal Navy." McKenna All smiles.

"Well, let's do this! Churchill, the business of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the UK is handed over to you. We not only want to seize the business of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the UK, but more importantly, we want to get this part of the profits It will do. Your Excellency the Foreign Minister, France and Russia will be notified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The United States should also lobby them as much as possible. I think the huge profits of the

German Welfare Lottery must also make those greedy Americans You should be very jealous." Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Both Churchill and Sir Edward Gray replied.

"Your Excellency, cutting off the development funds of the German Navy is just a way. The most important thing is still the development of the Royal Navy itself. Only when we become stronger, can we not be afraid of the German challenge at all!" Churchill Said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded: "All the profits we get from the welfare lottery will be invested in the construction of the navy. The Royal Navy must become the world's number one navy in the next few years. Any other country , don't even think about challenging the British Empire in this regard!"

In June 1910, the governments of Britain, France and Russia announced almost at the same time that the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company in their territory was illegal and should be seized!

For a while, the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company in Britain, France and Russia was all stopped. At the same time, all funds that have not yet been transferred in the banks of the three countries have also been frozen. What's more, the British and French markets have always been one of the main markets of the German Welfare Lottery. Losing these two markets now will inevitably cause Deutsche Welfare Lottery to lose nearly one-third of its profits. This is definitely a heavy blow to the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company.

"Your Highness, what should we do now? The heads of our branches in Britain, France and Russia have been arrested. The company has been sealed up and the bank accounts have been frozen." Carl von Jona, President of Deutsche Industries AG Wright looked nervous.

Although the Deutsche Industries Group has developed into a large consortium, the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company is still the most profitable company in the consortium. The loss of markets in three countries is undoubtedly a heavy loss for the Deutsche Welfare Lottery.

"In our business activities in Britain, France and Russia, there is no tax evasion, right?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, absolutely not. Our business is extremely enviable. In order to avoid being caught by others, we have always operated with integrity, and there will be absolutely no tax evasion." Carl von Jona Wright assured.

"Damn it, from this point of view. The governments of Britain, France and Russia are clearly targeting me." Qin Tian couldn't help but cursed. Although, he has known for a long time that the governments of Britain, France and Russia will not let it go once they find out that the German Welfare Lottery Company is quickly plundering their wealth. But I still didn't expect that their response would be so fast and decisive, so much of the wealth of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company was too late to transfer, resulting in heavy losses.

Chapter 153: It's not too late for a gentleman to take revenge for ten years (for collection)

"Oscar, the Deutsche Welfare Lottery has suffered heavy losses this time?" William II asked with concern.

In response to the seizure of the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company in Britain, France and Russia, Wilhelm II even held a special meeting in front of the imperial court to discuss it.

The Minister of the Navy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz, was even more worried. Qin Tian provided the navy with a low-interest loan of 100 million marks every year. If the profits of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery are affected by the lottery, will the support for the Navy be reduced? This is a big event for the development of the navy.

"Father, the loss is indeed very large. The direct loss is more than 100 million marks. Not to mention, after losing the markets in these three countries, our profit loss will exceed one-third." Qin Tian's expression also changed. Not very pretty.

All along, Qin Tian's development can be said to be smooth and smooth, and he has hardly encountered any major setbacks. But now, Britain, France and Russia have directly used national administrative orders to deal him a major blow.

"Damn! The governments of Britain, France and Russia are really abominable. They are destroying the market economy and free competition by doing this!" William II was furious.

The other high-ranking military and political officials of the empire were also full of anger.

"Your Majesty, we must protest this matter to Britain, France and Russia, and we can't just let it go." Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter said. The civil servant faction has now turned to Qin Tian, and Qin Tian's interests have been damaged, which means that their interests have also been endangered.

"Protesting is probably useless at all. Since Britain, France and Russia dared to do this, they must have already expected our reaction. They will definitely find various reasons to prevaricate us. Anyway, we and Their relationship is already very clear, that is, war is about to break out. Under such circumstances, Britain, France and Russia naturally don't have to be afraid of tearing faces with us." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

"Is that the case?" asked Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Navy.

Suddenly, there was a silence in the office. Indeed, Britain, France and Russia are slapping Germany in the face, which makes them very angry. However, apart from a few words of protest, they have nothing to do with

Britain, France and Russia! Unless it is a direct war. But it is a pity that Germany is not ready for war at all. If there is a war, their chances of winning are not great. So, don't take such a risk.

"Your Excellency Marshal, Deutsche Industries Group's support for the navy will not be affected by this. Although we have lost a large part of profits, the needs of the navy will be guaranteed first." Qin Tian said.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz was relieved. What he feared most was that the navy's shipbuilding plan would be affected by this.

"However, since Britain, France and Russia dare to do this blatantly, we absolutely can't let it go. Father, I request that after defeating Britain, France and Russia in the future war, the losses of the German Welfare Lottery Company will be reduced. They spit it out in multiples!" A ruthless look flashed in Qin Tian's eyes.

Qin Tian has never been a kind man who repays evil with virtue. His own interests have been damaged, how could he remain indifferent? It's just that there is no way to escape to justice now, he can only swallow this breath first. Wait until the time is right for revenge. It is not too late for a gentleman to take revenge for ten years! Qin Tian is certainly not a gentleman, but he still has the patience to wait a few years.

"Well, Oscar, it's best if you can think like this. Let's remember the losses that Britain, France and Russia have caused us this time. After defeating them in future wars, we will make Britain, France and Russia pay the price. Since now The Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company lost hundreds of millions of marks. Then, after the war, we will ask Britain, France and Russia to compensate the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company an additional one billion marks." Wilhelm II said.

"That's right, they must be severely punished!" The other ministers also said one after another.

Of course, there is a premise for this, that is, in future wars, Germany needs to win the war. Otherwise, everything is empty talk.

The next day, the German government protested against the seizure of the German Welfare Lottery by Britain, France and Russia. Sure enough, Britain, France and Russia all began to prevaricate. They not only sealed up the business of the German Welfare Lottery Company, but also set up their own Welfare Lottery Company to take over this business. It can be seen that the governments of the three countries have already planned this for a long time.

The loss of the markets of Britain, France and Russia certainly caused the German Welfare Lottery to suffer heavy losses in profits. However, the bad news didn't end there. According to news from the US branch, the US government seems to be interested in taking action on the market of Deutsche Welfare Lottery.

The US market is also a huge market for Deutsche Welfare Lottery. Even, the profits obtained from the United States have exceeded the profits obtained from the mainland. If the US market is lost after losing the markets of Britain, France and Russia, it will be a serious blow to the German Welfare Lottery.

"Your Highness, the information we have obtained is that the British are fanning the flames. They are inciting those who are jealous of our profits and want to drive us out of the American market." Carl von Jonalet's face was very ugly.

"The British move is really vicious!" Qin Tian couldn't help but sighed.

"Your Highness, what should we do next?" Karl asked.

Qin Tian thought for a while, Americans have always valued profits. As long as there is profit, they dare to do anything. Therefore, we can only think of a way from this aspect.

"Carl, inform our partners in the United States to adjust the profit distribution starting next month. Originally, we took 60% of the profits. Now, we are willing to give up 20% of the profits. In addition, they will also be responsible for arranging 20% of the profits for welfare undertakings!" Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, do you want to give up so much profit? If the profits used for welfare are also handed over to them, they will definitely swallow them all. Those guys are very greedy, and they have never had any bottom line. " Carl said, frowning.

"I can't control that much anymore. Being able to keep 40% of the profit is also a major victory for us. It's better than losing all of us and not getting any profit at all!"

Although he was very unwilling, Karl still nodded, he knew Qin Tian was right to do so.

Chapter 154: Second Moroccan Crisis

Deutsche Welfare Lottery's business in the United States will naturally require the support of local forces in the United States. Previously, according to the agreement between the two parties, 20% of the profits obtained by the Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the United States were used for social welfare undertakings, 20% were distributed by the local forces in the United States, and the other 60% belonged to Germany. Owned by the Welfare Lottery Company.

Such a distribution plan naturally made the American local forces very dissatisfied. However, the Deutsche Welfare Lottery at that time developed rapidly and had extremely strong profitability. In addition, Qin Tian, the owner of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company, has a distinguished status.

Therefore, the local forces in the United States reluctantly accepted such a distribution plan.

But now, Britain, France and Russia have begun to block the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company. This makes the situation of Deutsche Welfare Lottery in the United States very difficult. If it is not handled well, the American branch of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company may be shut down like the branches in Britain, France and Russia.

Of course, the US government is unwilling to offend the German government. But with Britain, France and Russia at the forefront, they naturally have nothing to fear. Similarly, Germany did not dare to force the United States to the side of the Allies. Germany was under enough pressure to counter the Allies. If the United States is added, Germany may have no chance of winning.

It is precisely because of this that Qin Tian would rather lose part of his profits than worsen the situation. Even if it can get 40% of the profit, this is not a small amount of income for the German Welfare Lottery Company. Once the American branch of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company is also shut down, it will be even worse.

The local strength of the United States is very satisfied with the compromise of the German Welfare Lottery Company. To be able to share an extra 20% of the profit is already double what it was before. What's more, the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company agreed to hand over the profits used for social welfare undertakings to them, which means that their profits will further increase. As for welfare, all you need is to use a little money to fool the poor. Anyway, America is a world where money comes first. The poor have no power at all.

This also made the British instigation in the United States useless. The American branch of the Deutsche Welfare Lottery has weathered the storm for the time being. Although some benefits were lost, they were preserved.

Qin Tian finally breathed a sigh of relief. During this period of time, he has been under tremendous pressure. Fortunately, it was finally over for the time being.

"The British, the French, the Russians, and the Americans who took advantage of the fire. You wait for me. My money is not so easy to take. When Germany wins the future world war, I will let you swallow it I spit out everything that goes down!" Qin Tian thought viciously.

Time passed little by little, and the naval arms race among the world's major powers gradually began to escalate. The British Navy's shipbuilding program began to accelerate. A large number of warships began to be built. They tried to secure their naval superiority as much as possible.

The United States has also joined the arms race. The rich and powerful Americans, except for lagging behind Europe in terms of technology, are not bad at all in other aspects. The unique geographical location and strong industrial strength allow them to devote most of their energy to the development of the navy with confidence and boldness, and easily build a powerful navy that is the third largest in the world.

As for Germany, it is carrying out its own shipbuilding plan in an orderly manner. The "King-class" battleship and the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruiser are being built according to plan. The next-level "Bavaria-class" battleships and "Mackenson-class" battlecruisers are already in the blueprints designed by Qin Tian. Construction was to begin in 1911. In this case, when the future war breaks out, the two battleships will be able to catch up.

Time entered 1911, and in February, Qin Tian's eldest son was born. After two lifetimes, he finally became a father. As soon as this little guy was born, he enjoyed endless glory. Although he already had many grandsons, William II still loved Qin Tian's eldest son very much, so he named him Friedrich directly, and he was canonized as Prince of East Prussia, with a respected status!

As time goes by, the international situation has become more and more tense. The contradictions between the Allies and the Allied Powers are also intensifying little by little. Everyone seemed to be able to hear the footsteps of the war getting closer, and the air seemed to be filled with the smell of gunpowder.

On May 21, 1911, a tribal uprising against the Sultan broke out in Morocco. The French took the opportunity to send troops to occupy Fes, the capital of Morocco. You know, this is definitely a serious provocation for Germany.

Six years ago, a crisis broke out in Morocco. For this reason, France and Germany almost broke out in war. In the end, a meeting was held in Algeciras and the "Algeciras Resolution" was reached. The resolution recognized Morocco's independence, but France and Spain were responsible for Morocco's police affairs. France controls customs and police in Morocco. Germany's interests were also required to be guaranteed.

But now, the French actually directly sent troops to occupy the capital of Morocco, which simply violated the original agreement. For Germany, this is undoubtedly intolerable. William II, in particular, could not bear this.

"The French are so hateful! They are blatantly breaking the agreement. This time, the German Empire must never back down!" William II yelled in his palace.

When the Moroccan crisis broke out last time, William II chose to compromise and retreat due to the interests of Britain and France, which dealt a serious blow to his prestige in Germany. This time, he will never make the same mistake again.

"The safety of the lives and properties of the empire's merchants and expatriates in Morocco, as well as the interests of the empire, must not be violated. Tirpitz, send a warship to Morocco!" William II ordered.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded immediately.

Although, everyone knows, this will undoubtedly stimulate the development of the situation. However, Germany obviously couldn't bear it any longer. Letting the Allies see Germany's attitude is also a warning to them.

Qin Tian also agrees with this.

Chapter 155: rattling

"Your Majesty, if we send warships to Morocco, this may further intensify the situation and cause the French to overreact, making the situation even more tense." Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter was a little worried.

"Intensification is intensification, what's the big deal. French, do you still dare to really go to war with us?" William II said indifferently. Indeed, although France is Germany's old enemy, after Germany's industrial strength, military strength, and population and other factors can crush France, William II believes that France is no longer a concern, and there is no way to threatened Germany. If it weren't for Britain and Russia to support France, Germany would be able to knock the French down in minutes and make them kneel on the ground and learn to be human.

Of course, it is precisely because of the support of Britain and Russia that the French are so arrogant and dare to provoke Germany again and again.

"Your Majesty, France is certainly nothing to worry about. But we have to consider the attitudes of Britain and Russia. Especially the British, they are already quite dissatisfied with our vigorous development of the navy. If we intensify the situation at this time, the British People will definitely react accordingly. Once the gun goes off, the situation becomes uncontrollable." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

"Could it be that we just do nothing? Let the interests of the empire be shamelessly stolen by the French!" William II was a little dissatisfied.

"Your Majesty, it is very necessary to express the attitude of the empire. But at the same time, it is best not to detonate the war. After all, our war preparations have not been completed yet." Marshal Count Tirpitz also said.

"Your Excellency Tirpitz, if we go to war with the British now, can the navy defeat them?" Little Moltke asked suddenly.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz was taken aback, thought for a while, and then replied: "Your Excellency Chief of Staff, our 'King-class' battleships and 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers will not be able to serve until the end of the year." The Bavarian class The battleships and the Mackensen-class battlecruisers are about to start construction. If we only rely on our existing capital ships to confront the British Navy, there is about a 50% chance of defeating the British Navy. Of course, the matter of naval battles , no one can tell, there are too many factors that will affect the outcome of the decisive battle at sea."

King William II nodded in satisfaction. The German Navy has a 50% chance of winning against the British Royal Navy. This is undoubtedly very remarkable. It is not in vain that he has been vigorously supporting the development of the navy over the years. Otherwise, the German navy would have to wait until the year of the monkey to catch up with the British navy!

Of course, William II also understood the meaning of Marshal Earl Tirpitz, that is, it is best to wait until the "Bavaria-class" battleships and "Makensen-class" battlecruisers enter service before going to war. In that case, Germany will have two tiers of ten battleships equipped with 380mm main guns, and two tiers of six battlecruisers equipped with 380mm main guns. This will give the German Navy a decisive advantage on top battleships. The possibility of the German Navy defeating the Royal Navy is undoubtedly even higher.

"50% certainty, that's already very high. Your Majesty, although we are not ready for war. But similarly, the British are not ready for war. If we take this opportunity to go to war with them, our chances of winning are also very high." It won't be too small." Little Maoqi suggested.

Obviously, this proposal of Little Maoqi is another crazy proposal. Neither William II nor other senior officials of the empire thought about going to war now.

For everyone, it is a bit too hasty to set off a great war that concerns the fate of the empire and the nation now. After all, once the war starts, it is impossible to stop it before the winner is determined. Therefore, everyone is very cautious about whether to start a war. No one wants to be defeated in the end, so as to become a sinner of the empire and the nation. Even William II, who was headstrong and conceited, was cautious on this issue.

"It's too early to go to war now, let's look at the development of the situation, and then talk about it!" William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Xiao Maoqi nodded, but a trace of unwillingness flashed in his eyes.

Qin Tian saw all of Xiao Maoqi's reactions. He was very clear about little Mao Qi's thoughts. As Qin Tian became more and more influential in the army, the living space of little Mao Qi and his group of people was being

squeezed. Even though Xiao Maoqi was the chief of the army's general staff, he felt tremendous pressure. If the war can break out earlier, these pressures can be well eliminated.

"Father, the Navy can send a light warship to Morocco first to see the development of the situation, and then make a decision on the next step." Qin Tian suggested.

King William II nodded and accepted Qin Tian's suggestion.

After the meeting, Marshal Count Tirpitz issued an order for the gunboat "Leopard" to go to Morocco. After Qin Tian learned of this, he shook his head speechlessly.

"It seems that the ability of history to correct mistakes is still very strong! Even though the world has been changed by me now, it is still returning to the original track bit by bit." Qin Tian secretly thought.

In another time and space, Germany also dispatched the warship Leopard to Morocco. However, in the end, the Moroccan crisis still failed to evolve into a war. Therefore, Qin Tian believes that although the situation is very tense this time, it is still very unlikely that a war will be detonated because of this.

So far, Germany's war preparations have not been able to complete. Similarly, Qin Tian's preparations have not yet been completed. Various advanced weapons are still under preparation. Qin Tian certainly hoped that these preparations could be completed before the war broke out. In this case, in future wars, the chances of winning will be even greater.

The 'Leopard' gunboat is a 'Ildis-class' patrol ship belonging to the German Imperial Navy. It used to serve mainly in German overseas colonies. Such a small warship is not even qualified to participate in large-scale naval

battles. However, it is precisely because of such a small warship that the international situation has become more and more tense.

The French reacted extremely violently to Germany sending warships to Morocco. The French government clamored that if Germany did not withdraw its warships, they would send more troops to Morocco. This also made the relationship between France and Germany very tense, a situation of daggers drawn.

Chapter 156: Temporary compromise (for collection)

Germany and France are important members of the Allied Powers and the Entente Powers respectively. Germany, in particular, was the leader of the Allies. Now that the two countries are at war with each other, it naturally makes the international situation very tense. Some pessimistic people even believe that war is inevitable.

Especially other members of the Allied Powers and the Entente Powers were greatly affected by this. According to the treaty signed at the beginning, once the war broke out, they would inevitably be involved.

Germany's two allies, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy. The Austro-Hungarian Empire will definitely fulfill its ally and follow Germany to war against the Allied Powers. However, I am afraid no one can guarantee what kind of decision they will make.

France's two allies, Russia and France, have signed a military alliance treaty. Once war starts, Russia will definitely participate in the war. As for the British, although they have not signed a military alliance treaty, the French confidently believe that the British will definitely not sit idly by. Otherwise, once France is defeated, it will not only be of no benefit to Britain, but will also endanger the dominance of the British. Therefore, the French are confident. Otherwise, they would not dare to treat Germany so toughly.

The disastrous defeat in the Franco-Prussian War was a nightmare for many French people. In France, there are also two factions. One faction wants revenge and defeats Germany in future wars. The other faction tried their best to avoid war. It's just that the French government now clearly has the upper hand with the main fighting faction.

Facing the increasingly fierce conflict between France and Germany, the British side also finds it difficult. Prime Minister Asquith convened members of the cabinet to discuss countermeasures. The current situation is also very tense for the United Kingdom. These senior officials of the British Empire had to be cautious.

"Gentlemen, tell me, will the French and the Germans fight for Morocco this time?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

You know, six years ago, Kaiser Wilhelm II visited Morocco, which aroused considerable dissatisfaction among the French. They almost broke out in a war because of this, dragging the whole world into the war.

"Your Excellency, the current situation is hard to say. The attitude of the Germans is very tough. Of course, the attitude of the French side is also very tough. They have all shown their determination to fight at all costs. If the situation goes further, the outbreak will The possibility of war is undoubtedly very high." Sir Edward Gray, Foreign Secretary, looked worried.

"Damn, the Germans know how to make trouble!" Secretary of the Navy McKenna cursed. The current Royal Navy is developing rapidly. However, building a battleship is not an easy task, it usually takes two to three years. Therefore, it will take a long time for the Royal Navy's strength to undergo a blowout development. During this time, the Royal Navy was supposed to avoid getting involved in the war.

As the Minister of the Navy, McKenna is undoubtedly under great pressure. The Royal Navy, which has not been defeated for hundreds of years, will definitely not be able to fail in future wars. Otherwise, his name will definitely be passed down forever as a disgrace to the Royal Navy. McKenna, I don't want that to happen.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, how about asking the French to compromise a bit. After all, without our support, the French would not dare to provoke the Germans. Even if they combined with the Russians, it would be very difficult for them to defeat Germany." Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George suggested.

"No, this is absolutely not possible!" Before Prime Minister Asquith could speak, Churchill, the Minister of the Interior, jumped out.

"France is an important ally of ours. In the event of a war with Germany in the future, France will be the main ground force against Germany. The army of the British Empire, no matter in terms of size or strength, cannot compete with the Germans. We must rely on the French. Therefore, under such circumstances, we must unconditionally support France and let them see our sincerity. In this way, in future wars, the French will cooperate closely with us." Churchill said.

The ministers of the British cabinet nodded their heads one by one. They also believe that under the current circumstances, it is almost certain that a war will break out in the future. I just don't know when the war will break out. France is an important ally of Britain. Therefore, for the sake of the future situation, it is very necessary to support France.

"There is another reason, that is, we cannot compromise with the Germans. Otherwise, the Germans will think that we are afraid of them and will make further progress. Therefore, we must be tough. Only in this way, can deter the Germans and buy us more time." Churchill continued.

"Your Excellency Churchill is right, we cannot compromise with the Germans!" Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Your Excellency, what if war really broke out because of this?" Sir Edward Gray asked.

"If a war breaks out because of this, I believe that the British Empire also has enough strength to deal with the war and win the war." Prime Minister Asquith said. His attitude is undoubtedly very firm.

"Your Excellency, although many warships of the Navy are still under construction. However, once the war starts, the Royal Navy is confident to defeat the Germans." McKenna said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded in satisfaction, very satisfied with the Navy's statement.

The British government has been very tough on this Moroccan crisis. They openly advertised that France's action in Morocco was a just act and demanded that Germany exercise restraint and withdraw its warships.

At the same time, the Royal Navy also dispatched a light cruiser and a destroyer from Gibraltar to Morocco to express their support for France.

British support gave the French even more confidence. They said that they will never back down on the Morocco issue. If Germany wanted to go to war, they would fight for it.

Under such circumstances, Germany had to consider whether to go to war at this time. On this issue, the Allies united and showed their support for France. However, Germany's allies are not so united. While Austria-Hungary expressed support for Germany, the Kingdom of Italy called for restraint on both sides. This makes the situation even more unfavorable for Germany.

Under the circumstances, Germany can only choose to compromise temporarily, take a step back, and then look for opportunities.

Chapter 157: Italian ambition

"Damn Italians, how did we choose them to be our allies?" William II was furious in his office. Although it has been decided to temporarily compromise with the Allied Powers, William II is still very unwilling in his heart.

If the Kingdom of Italy can stand up and express its full support for the German Empire, perhaps Germany can continue to be tough. Perhaps, the situation will change.

William II didn't need to think about it, but this time Germany's compromise and concession again would have a great impact on the country. Even his prestige will be greatly affected by this. This made William II very angry.

"Father, the Italians are always two-faced and always thinking about their own interests. It is impossible to get them to support us unconditionally. Not to mention, once the war starts, it will also be related to their own fate. It's understandable that they hesitate to move forward." Qin Tian looked at it very openly, and was not angry because of the Italian's performance. Of course, this is because Qin Tian already knew this would be the result. He has always been on guard against the Italians, so that even without the help of the Italians, Germany can still win in future wars.

"Your Majesty, Your Highness is right. The Italians have never thought about fulfilling their obligations as allies. Therefore, if a war breaks out in the future, we cannot expect too much from the Italians." Prime Minister Bernha T. von Bülow sighed.

"Your Majesty, although we have compromised on the issue of Morocco, we can make up for it in other ways. In this case, there is an explanation for the people in the country." Von Kidren Vahi Te said.

King William II nodded, feeling a little better.

"Everyone, no matter what, this incident is a shame for the German Empire. We must keep this shame in mind. In the future, we must defeat them and wash away this shame!" William II looked fierce.

William II hated the Italians for being ineffective at critical moments and being double-faced. But what he hates the most is still Britain and France. In order to curb the rise of the German Empire, Britain and France have exhausted their minds. They provoked the German Empire time and time again, causing the German Empire not only to lose face, but also to lose a lot of benefits. This is naturally unacceptable to William II.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Everyone replied.

They all know that there is only one way for the German Empire to rise. That is to defeat Britain and France through war in the future, dominate Europe, and then dominate the entire world. And for their own interests, and to maintain the old world colonial system. The British and French, of course, will spare no effort to contain the German Empire. This is almost an irreconcilable contradiction. Therefore, there is no other way but to go to war. In order to win, both sides can be said to do everything possible.

The second Moroccan crisis ended peacefully under the active concession of Germany. The two sides signed the Treaty of Fez, and Morocco officially became a protectorate of France. Of course, France gave up part of the French Congo as a price. It can be regarded as leaving a little face for Germany. Otherwise, Germany will lose face this time.

Rao is like this, all social classes in Germany are also quite dissatisfied with this German compromise. Many elites even pointed out that Germany cannot just compromise and give in. In that case, Germany will lose more

interests. Only in World War I can Germany's interests be guaranteed as much as possible.

It's just that war is not a child's play, and it can't be decided in a sentence or two. Once there is a war, there is no way out. If it wins, that's good, and Germany will soar into the sky and become the world's hegemon. But if defeated, the consequences are also unimaginable. Therefore, no one dared to take the risk. No one wants to go to war until they are fully prepared.

This is not only true of Germany, but also the member states of the Allied Powers. Therefore, the international situation seems to be very tense. However, it seems that the war will not start at all for a while. Of course, it is not ruled out that emergencies will break out, which will lead to war.

Kingdom of Italy, Rome, in the Royal Palace. King Vittorio Emanuele III was speaking to Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, we rejected the request of the Germans and did not show support for them. I am afraid that this will make the Germans hold grudges. After all, we are allies with the Germans. It may be inappropriate to offend them like this! Vittorio Emanuele III worried.

"Your Majesty, the reason why you did not express your support for Germany is entirely for the benefit of the Kingdom of Italy. If Germany and France break out of war because of the Morocco issue, the consequences will be very serious. The Allied Powers and the Entente Powers will go to war because of this. If we want to fulfill If the covenant is not established, then we will also be involved in the war. This will be very detrimental to the Kingdom of Italy."

Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti said.

Vittorio Emanuele III nodded. Like many Italian officials, he was not optimistic about the Germans. After all, Britain, France and Russia are not vegetarians. Especially the British, who have been the hegemony of the world

for hundreds of years, did not do it for nothing. There are so many countries that once wanted to challenge the British Empire, but in the end they all ended in failure.

If the Kingdom of Italy follows Germany to challenge the United Kingdom, it's okay to win, and they will get a lot of benefits from it. But if you lose, the consequences will be very serious.

"Your Excellency, if war breaks out, will the Germans win?" Vittorio Emanuele III asked.

"Your Majesty, it is very difficult to say. Although the German military power is constantly developing. However, judging from the current situation, they are undoubtedly at a disadvantage." Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti said.

Vittorio Emanuele III nodded in recognition of this point of view.

"Your Majesty, with the help of this time the Morocco issue has attracted the attention of European powers, our long-prepared plan can be implemented!" Giovanni Giolitti said.

Vittorio Emanuele III's eyes suddenly brightened.

"Now that you are ready, let's proceed! Restoring the glory of the great Roman Empire will start now!" Vittorio Emanuele III said excitedly.

Chapter 158: oil exploration rights

The ancient Roman Empire, whose ruling area spanned the three continents of Asia, Europe and Africa, was powerful in the whole of Europe, West Asia and North Africa, and could be called the overlord of the world. The Kingdom of Italy also claims to have inherited the mantle of the Roman Empire, and they always want to reproduce the glory of the ancient Roman Empire.

Although there are many European powers, it is very difficult for the Kingdom of Italy to rise. However, the king and government of the Kingdom of

Italy are fighting for this. In order to further expand outwards to achieve the goal of turning the Mediterranean Sea into its own bathtub, the Kingdom of Italy has been actively preparing. And their first target is undoubtedly the declining Ottoman Turkish Empire.

In Europe, the Ottoman Turkish Empire is no longer the powerful country that defeated all European countries. Their territorial area has been shrinking again and again. Although, North Africa still nominally belongs to the territory of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. But in fact, it has become the target of coveted and invaded by various countries. Many places have been reduced to the colonies of European countries.

Italy has been trying to seize the Turkish Tripolitania and Cyrenaica (now Libya) as a forward base for expansion in North Africa.

Tripolitania and Cyrenaica are a desert of Turkey in North Africa, with limited economic value, but an important strategic position. It faces Sicily and controls the narrower sea in the central Mediterranean. In 1881, during the process of carve-up of the North African territory occupied by the Turkish Portay government, Algeria (which France began to invade in 1830 and gradually reduced it to a colony) and Algeria (1881) successively became French protectorates. Therefore, the nominal possessions of the Ottoman Turkish Empire in North Africa were also owned by the Western colonists. France planned to annex the two provinces of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica of the Ottoman Turkish Empire on this ground. This attempt was opposed by European countries, especially Italy, which had long wanted to establish a colony in North Africa. For this reason, Italy actively carried out political and diplomatic activities, reached agreements and tacit understandings with various powers (formed the Triple Alliance with Germany and Austria), and recognized Italy's interests in North Africa. In order to prepare for the annexation of the two provinces of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, Italy continued

to emigrate and send businessmen to the two places from 1880 to 1911 to buy land and actively expand its power; Clothes, in the name of fishing sponge off the coast of Tripolitania, conducted coastal surveys; instructed Italian Catholic priests to go deep into the interior to collect intelligence in the name of missionary work. Italy, learning from its failure in Ethiopia in 1896, kept on the lookout for timing.

"Your Majesty, the outbreak of the Moroccan crisis is a godsend opportunity for us. If we miss this opportunity, it will be difficult for us to find such a good opportunity again. Therefore, we cannot let go of this opportunity." Jova said Giolitti.

"Well, I fully agree with this. However, before going to war against the Ottoman Turkish Empire, we'd better get the support of other countries!" Vittorio Emanuele III said.

Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti nodded: "Britain, France and other countries should have no objections. This time we did not support Germany, and they reciprocated. They should also express their acquiescence to our actions. As for the Germans, although they Dissatisfied. But I don't think the Germans will be foolish enough to force us to the side of the Allies."

"Well, that's the reason. However, let's send a special envoy to Germany to try to get the support of the Germans!" Vittorio Emanuele III said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti had no objection to this.

On the one hand, the Kingdom of Italy is preparing to invade Tripoli and Cyrenaica, and on the other hand, it is active in various European countries to gain more support.

After the Italian envoy arrived in Germany, he was not able to be summoned by William II. William II is still angry now, how could he give the

Italians a good face? Even Bernhard von Bülow, Prime Minister of the Empire, did not meet with the Italian envoy, which made the Italians very dissatisfied.

German Foreign Minister von Kidrun Wachter even bluntly claimed that the German Empire was very angry at the betrayal of the Kingdom of Italy during the talks with the Italian envoy. The Italian envoy, naturally managed to explain. But all fools know that it is simply perfunctory.

However, just when the Italian envoy thought he could not complete the task, Qin Tian took the initiative to meet him, which surprised the Italian envoy very much. After all, because of the second Moroccan crisis, there has been a major crisis in the relationship between Italy and Germany. Qin Tian's initiative to meet with him will undoubtedly bring about a turning point in the relationship between the two countries.

Qin Tian met with the Italian envoy in his office.

"Your Highness, hello." The Italian envoy was very humble.

"Hello, Your Excellency Special Envoy. I am personally very dissatisfied with the performance of the Kingdom of Italy in the Morocco crisis." Qin Tian said.

"His Royal Highness, there must be some misunderstanding. Italy attaches great importance to its relationship with the German Empire." The Italian envoy said quickly.

Fortunately, Qin Tian did not continue to dwell on this issue.

"Your Excellency, is your country ready to attack the Ottoman Empire?" Qin Tian asked.

The Italian envoy nodded. On this issue, there is nothing to hide. The actions of the Kingdom of Italy are not unknown to other countries.

"Your Excellency, as an ally, although the Kingdom of Italy is incompetent. However, the Empire attaches great importance to its relationship with the Kingdom of Italy. Therefore, we are happy to see the Kingdom of Italy expanding in North Africa. We are also willing to support the expansion of the Kingdom of Italy. As for weapons and war supplies, if the Kingdom of Italy needs them, we can provide some of them," Qin Tian said.

The Italian special envoy was overjoyed immediately, he never thought that Qin Tian's attitude would be like this, it was a surprise!

However, the Italian envoy also knows that there is no free lunch in the world. The German Empire's support for the Kingdom of Italy obviously also had a conspiracy.

"His Royal Highness, what price does the Kingdom of Italy need to pay?"

"Once the Kingdom of Italy occupies Tripoli and Cyrenaica, I hope Deutsche Energie can obtain the right to exploit oil there!" Qin Tian said.

"Oil extraction? Is there oil there?" The Italian envoy knew nothing about it.

"His Royal Highness, I will report to the country immediately!" The Italian special envoy said, he thought this was nothing at all, and the Italian government would definitely agree to this condition.

Chapter 159: It's oily (ask for collection)

"Do Tripoli and Cyrenaica have oil?" Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti convened experts and scholars in the field of oil and asked them this question.

"Your Excellency, how can there be oil there? We have explored there long ago, and there is no oil there at all!" Italian experts and scholars answered Giovanni Giolitti in this way.

Although there are still some doubts in his mind, Giovanni Giolitti no longer dwells on this issue. Even if Tripoli and Cyrenaica do have oil, it would be worth it if they could use it to repair relations with the German Empire. However, Giovanni? Giolitti also thinks, how can there be oil in North Africa, which is a desert?

Giovanni Giolitti instructed the Italian envoy to agree to Qin Tian's request. However, just in case the Germans did find oil in North Africa, Giovanni Giolitti demanded that the Italian government receive a 40 percent share of future North African oil revenues.

After all, Italy is also a country that is extremely short of oil. If there is oil in North Africa, it can be directly shipped back to China by sea. In that case, it is far more cost-effective than buying from other countries.

Qin Tian did not refuse the request of the Italians.

Now Germany is storing oil on a large scale. With most of the navy's warships using oil-fired boilers, the army's large-scale procurement of trucks, and the increasing number of private car ownership, Germany's consumption of oil is also increasing. In order to obtain the most oil at the least cost, Qin Tian decided to exploit the oil in North Africa after careful consideration. Although, once the war broke out, the oil fields there would definitely fall into the hands of the Allies. But Qin Tian believes that after one or two years of exploitation, Germany can store enough oil. In this case, it will basically be able to deal with future wars. When the war is won, the oil fields will naturally be taken back. Moreover, it can also be used as a reason to further extort more wealth from the defeated country.

With the support of Germany, the Kingdom of Italy has more confidence in this war.

Using the pretext of unfair treatment of Italians in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, the Kingdom of Italy preemptively issued an ultimatum to Turkey on September 28, 1911, threatening to invade the above-mentioned areas before sending troops to North Africa. Turkey called on all countries to stop Italy's invasion attempt, but all major countries persuaded Turkey to accept Italy's request. In this case, the Italian-Turkish war broke out.

Although the combat effectiveness of the Italian army is very good, the Ottoman Turkish Empire, the sick man of West Asia, is not much stronger. Although, the resistance of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the locals caused heavy losses to the Kingdom of Italy. However, when Italy sent as many as 100,000 troops to the battlefield, the Ottoman Turkish Empire could not continue to fight.

This war, which lasted for nearly a year, ended in the disastrous defeat of the Ottoman Turkish Empire. The Treaty between the Kingdom of Italy and the Ottoman Empire was signed on 18 October 1912 at Uchy, near Lausanne.

The treaty stipulated that the Ottoman Empire must withdraw all military personnel from the province of Benghazi, but in return, Italy would return Rhodes and 12 islands close to the Ottoman Empire. The province of Benghazi will have a special status, with a regent and judges representing the caliphate. Before appointing these regents and judges, the Ottoman Turks would consult the Italian government. The Ottoman government will be responsible for the costs of the regency and judges.

This makes the Ottoman Turkish Empire still own these territories in name. But in fact, these territories have become Italian colonies and are under Italian control.

It is extremely beneficial for Qin Tian that the Kingdom of Italy won this war. Before the signing of the treaty, the Deutsche Energy Company, which had been prepared for a long time, immediately sent a large number of

exploration experts and engineers into Cyrenaica and went straight to the Siirt Basin. You know, the oil in the Siirt Basin accounts for 80% of all oil reserves in Libya in later generations. Libya's oil reserves rank ninth in the world and first in Africa.

Although many people doubt whether there is oil in North Africa, a desert. However, Moritz, the general manager of Deutsche Energy, is convinced. He personally led the team to search for oil in the Siirt Basin.

Perhaps because of God's blessing, they drilled the first high-yielding oil well in the Siirt Basin just one month later.

Almost everyone was stunned. Everyone did not expect that there is so much oil buried under a piece of yellow sand here.

On the one hand, Moritz organized people to carry out further exploration, on the other hand, he immediately reported to the country.

After Qin Tian received the news, he finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Carl, from now on, Deutsche Industries Group will fully support the energy company's oil exploration in Cyrenaica, and find a way to repair the oil pipeline in the shortest possible time to transport the oil there. In addition, domestic oil storage facilities The construction of the country also needs to be accelerated. We need to reserve more oil for future wars!" Qin Tian ordered.

Although the current oil price is still relatively low, it is naturally cheaper to store the oil you extract yourself than to buy it from outside, and you don't have to worry about getting stuck.

"Yes, Your Highness." Carl von Jonareit nodded excitedly. He also knew how important the oil fields discovered in Cyrenaica were to Germany.

Deutsche Energy Company found oil in Cyrenaica, which made other countries full of envy and jealousy. Especially the Ottoman Turkish Empire

that had just lost Cyrenaica and the Italian government that handed over the oil exploration rights to Deutsche Energy Company, they were crying without tears. If there was regret medicine, they would never do such a thing. Especially the Italian government, now can only watch the Deutsche Energy Company exploit the oil there. Although, they can get forty percent. But who would want the forty percent if they could swallow it all?

Of course, in the face of the powerful German Empire, the Italian government did not have the courage to repent, so it could only admit it with its nose.

Britain, France and other countries are worried. Germany has obtained a large amount of oil, which will free Germany from the dilemma of energy shortage, and it is a huge threat to them.

Chapter 160: War Preparations (Happy Dragon Boat Festival!)

In Berlin, the capital of the German Empire, the Imperial Palace, in the study of Wilhelm II. A royal meeting is underway.

"His Royal Highness, congratulations! I heard that the oil fields exploited by Deutsche Energie in Cyrenaica have amazing reserves!" The Minister of the Navy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz, smiled.

As the navy has more and more warships, and almost all of these warships use oil-fired boilers, the navy's fuel consumption is also increasing. Although, the Navy has also built oil storage facilities of up to one million tons. However, if the war drags on for too long, millions of tons of oil may not be enough! In addition, the Navy does not have excess funds for crude oil reserves. Now that Deutsche Energie has acquired an oil field with huge reserves, the problem is easily solved.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, I didn't expect that there is really oil there. This is undoubtedly great news for the German Empire. I have ordered the energy company to go all out and strive to send it to the country in three months.

Crude oil, further increase our oil reserves!" Qin Tian said. After obtaining the oil fields, it is natural to increase the domestic oil reserves. After all, once the war breaks out, even if you want to transport the oil back before defeating the British navy, it is impossible!

The other important ministers of the empire also showed a hint of joy on their faces. After all, this is undoubtedly a great thing for the empire.

"This is God blessing the German Empire. In future wars, we will definitely be able to defeat the British and French!" Little Moltke said.

"Huh! This is not God's blessing, but Lao Tzu's foresight. Otherwise, it will take decades for the oil in Libya to be extracted." Qin Tian said secretly.

He knew that little Maoqi was flattering William II in a different way! At the same time, it can also downplay Qin Tian's contribution, which is simply killing two birds with one stone.

King William II nodded in satisfaction, seeming to agree with Moltke's statement.

"Damn Italians, they have been mistaken this time. Perhaps, this is God punishing them!" William II said. He is still brooding over the behavior of the Italians last time.

"Your Majesty, the Italians must regret this time. Although His Royal Highness promised to give them 40% of the share! But they could have swallowed it all!" Bernhard von Bülow said with a smile.

The other ministers also laughed.

"It's a pity that the oil field is too far away from the mainland. We have no way to guard it. Once the war breaks out, the British and French will definitely destroy or send troops to occupy our oil field. Or, the Italians will turn their faces directly. Take the oil field as your own," Qin Tian said.

The faces of everyone suddenly became a little ugly. They all knew that the possibilities Qin Tian mentioned were almost certain to happen. This is not a good thing for Germany.

"There is no way around this. After the war, the British will immediately dispatch the navy to block our coastline. Even if there is oil, it will not be shipped back. However, as long as our navy can defeat the British navy, then all problems will be solved." It's settled." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

"Tirpitz, it seems that the task of the navy is very difficult! Is the imperial navy confident of defeating the British?" William II looked at Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

Although, the development of the German Navy is very rapid. But their opponent is the overlord of the sea after all! It has always been very difficult to challenge the overlord. On this challenging road, many corpses have fallen. The Spaniards, the Dutch, the French, now it's the turn of the Germans. In William II's heart, there was also some uncertainty.

"Don't worry, Your Majesty, the Imperial Navy is confident that it will defeat the British in one fell swoop in future naval battles!" Tirpitz replied firmly.

"Everyone, the situation is becoming more and more tense now. It seems that there is not much time before the outbreak of war. From now on, the empire is fully preparing for war. Once the war breaks out, the empire needs to complete preparations and launch an attack as soon as possible!" William II ordered.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Everyone replied.

While Germany was happy to acquire oil fields, the British government was discussing countermeasures.

"****! How can the luck of the Germans be so good? We are suppressing the channels for the Germans to obtain crude oil, but now they have suddenly obtained a large oil field. Doesn't this make our previous efforts in vain?" Churchill Very angry.

"It seems that we have to think of a new way." Prime Minister Asquith's face is not very good.

Britain learned from intelligence that almost all warships of the German Navy used oil-fired boilers. In order to further attack the German navy, the British began to manipulate crude oil, but they did not expect that they had tried their best, but they still failed.

"Your Excellency, let the Mediterranean Fleet dispatch! Directly destroy the German port in Cyrenaica, and then send troops to destroy the oil fields." Secretary of the Navy McKenna suggested.

"No, a large part of the revenue from the oil field belongs to the Italians. If we do that, the Italians will be angered. Don't forget, we are now trying to win over the Italians and make them betray the allies." The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Gray, immediately objected to the proposal.

"Well, that's right. The oil fields cannot be destroyed yet. However, we can suggest that the Italians occupy the oil fields alone. After the war breaks out, if we can win the Italians to join our camp, then the Italians can occupy the oil fields. The Germans We won't get a drop of oil in the future. If the Italians don't know what's good and don't want to join our camp, we'll destroy the oil fields." Churchill suggested.

"Yes, let's do this. Since the Germans cannot be prevented from obtaining oil for the time being, then we will not care about this aspect. After the war breaks out, all problems will be solved." Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister!" All cabinet ministers replied.

"Gentlemen, the current international situation is becoming more and more tense. We can clearly see that the Germans are preparing for war. Therefore, we don't have much time. From now on, we will do our best to prepare for war. Once the war breaks out, the Germans must be defeated. The British Empire must not be defeated in future wars. We will still be the leaders of the world!" Prime Minister Asquith said.

"God bless the British Empire!"