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Chapter 221: Last Chance (ask for a monthly ticket)

"Boom! Boom!"

A grenadier is firing crazily, launching grenades weighing 0.5 kilograms into the Russian army ranks three to four hundred meters away. Although, a grenade weighing only 0.5 kilograms is only slightly more powerful than a grenade. However, the distance of a few hundred meters is beyond the reach of manpower. Coupled with the light weight, a person can easily carry it away while carrying a rifle. Two or three additional grenades for the other soldiers are enough for a battle. Therefore, once this weapon was equipped with troops, it won the favor of soldiers of the German Army.

The infantry of the 8th Army, each squad is equipped with such a grenadier. This allowed the infantry firepower of the German 8th Army to be further improved. An infantry squad was, at some point, even able to hold its own against a platoon of the enemy.

Grenades exploded in the queue of the Russian army, and Russian soldiers were blown away from time to time.

"God! How come there are so many German machine guns and small-caliber artillery? Are we really not facing the main force of the Germans?" Many Russian soldiers asked themselves this way.

In the propaganda of the Russian generals, the enemy they faced was nothing more than the worst unit in the German Army. The Russian generals had good intentions and wanted to use this to build confidence for the Russian soldiers. However, after seeing the strength of the German army, it actually aroused more fear in the hearts of the Russian soldiers.

In their view, the weakest branch of the German Empire Army is so powerful, how powerful the elite troops must be!

"Da da da!" A general-purpose machine gun was firing crazily, and a chain of bullets was fired in less than a minute, and the barrel had already turned red.

There are at least hundreds of Russian soldiers shot and killed by this general-purpose machine gun. However, there are still many Russian troops attacking frantically in front of the position, making the German soldiers dare not slack off for a moment.

"Boom!"

A 76.2mm artillery shell fell from the sky and hit this point of fire. This heavy machine gun was blown into parts all at once, scattered everywhere. And the machine gunner was killed on the spot.

This heavy machine gun was destroyed, which also caused a loophole in the German defense line. The Russian soldiers who were suppressed lying on the ground and unable to advance a step immediately seized this opportunity, got up from the ground, and began to charge.

However, these Russian soldiers had just ran out a few steps when they were knocked to the ground by oncoming machine gun bullets.

The layout of the firepower points of the German army is very scientific. Usually two or more machine guns form cross firepower points. In this way, even if one of the machine guns is destroyed, the other machine guns can block the enemy's attack path with fire. Give the reserve machine guns time to bring up.

The German army successfully withstood the Russian attack with powerful firepower. And it caused the Russian army to pay great casualties. But at the same time, the artillery of the Russian army was also causing casualties to the German army. The falling shells are taking the lives of brave German soldiers.

The artillery of the German army is suppressing the artillery of the Russian army. Although, under their shelling, many artillery positions of the Russian army have been destroyed. But it will take time to completely destroy all the artillery positions of the Russian army. Although they have worked hard, they still cannot completely destroy the Russian artillery in a short time.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A 150mm heavy howitzer position of the German army, six 150mm heavy howitzers, are firing fiercely. The target of their shelling was an artillery position of the Russian army.

The shells of the 150mm heavy howitzer weigh tens of kilograms, and their power is far beyond that of a small-caliber artillery such as the 76.2mm field gun. Almost every shell that falls leaves a huge crater in the ground.

The artillery position of the Russian army has been almost destroyed. Of the dozen or so 76.2mm howitzers originally deployed here, only two are still firing. The other cannons have been destroyed, and some even have their barrels twisted like twists. The corpses of the artillerymen on the ground were scattered all over the place. Some are even just a pile of minced meat.

The last two cannons on this artillery position of the Russian army did not last long. Just two minutes later, they misfired one after another. The German heavy artillery began to shift targets and continued to shell the next Russian artillery position.

As the artillery positions of the Russian army were continuously destroyed by the heavy artillery of the German army, the threat they posed to the German army became smaller and smaller. This allowed the German soldiers to devote more energy to dealing with the Russian infantry.

The generals of the Russian army also realized this, and the situation seemed to be becoming more and more unfavorable to them.

"General, our artillery has suffered heavy losses. Up to now, we have lost more than 60% of our artillery. The remaining artillery will not last long." The artillery commander reported to Admiral Leiningkamp.

Admiral Leiningkamp's brows could not help but frowned tightly. Although they had caused some casualties to the German army in the battle just now, the German army's firepower was too strong, making it impossible for the Russian army to break through the German army's attack. The line of defense, at the same time the loss is very large. Once the artillery of the Russian army is destroyed, this will further reduce the threat of the Russian army. It is even more difficult for the Russian army to break through the German defense line and escape from birth.

"Let the artillery continue to fire, no matter what, we must continue to attack the Germans." Admiral Leiningkamp ordered.

"Yes, General." The artillery commander nodded, with a look of sadness in his eyes.

The artillery of the Russian army is not very strong. After this fierce battle, it will cause serious damage to the artillery of the Russian army.

"Let our cavalry get ready to attack in ten minutes. This is our last chance. If the cavalry can seize this opportunity and break through the German defenses, we will be able to break through their encirclement. If the cavalry If we all fail, then we are really doomed." Admiral Leiningkamp said.

"Yes, General." The commanders of the two cavalry divisions replied.

The Russian 1st Army has only two cavalry divisions. In the previous battles, these two divisions also lost a lot of people, and now there are only more than 6,000 people left. But even so, this is already the most powerful assault force in the hands of Admiral Leiningkamp. He has high hopes for this

cavalry, hoping that they can seize this last chance and bring victory to the Russian army.

Chapter 222: Two hundred and twentieth desperate

"Come on! To survive, break through the German defense line. Kill them all!" More than 6,000 Russian cavalry shouted loudly.

The whips in their hands slapped the horse's buttocks fiercely. Under the pain, the horse gradually began to speed up.

More than 6,000 war horses, that is, nearly 25,000 horse legs. These horse legs trampled on the ground, making a thunderous sound, as if the ground was shaking.

The Russian army dispatched cavalry, and the German army knew it immediately.

"General, the front line of defense is already very difficult to resist the Russian infantry attack. If the Russian cavalry launches an attack, it may be difficult to resist." A staff officer was a little worried.

"The Russian cavalry should be the last force they have prepared. If we can resist their cavalry, then there will be no suspense in this battle." A colonel staff officer said.

Lieutenant General François nodded. He also knew that resisting the attack of the Russian cavalry would be the key to this battle. If it resists, the Russian army in the encirclement will be finished. In the case of heavy losses, it is impossible for them to break through the encirclement of the German army. But if it is not able to withstand it, then this time's combat operation may fall short. At that time, the main force of the surrounded Russian army will withdraw. The losses of the German army may also rise further. Although, in this battle, they have already wiped out many Russian troops. But Lieutenant General François hopes that this battle can be drawn to a perfect end.

What's more, although the combat effectiveness of the Russian army is very poor, since they can become the standing army of the Russian army, these soldiers must be good. If they are put back, and when they are rearmed, it may cause Germany a lot of trouble again. Lieutenant General Francois does not want this to happen.

"Hmph! Do the Russians think their cavalry is a powerful assault force? You know, our armored force is the most powerful assault force." A staff officer said disdainfully.

Lieutenant General François's eyes immediately brightened. Indeed, the combat effectiveness of the 8th Armored Division had been tested in the Battle of Tannenburg. That is definitely a powerful assault force, surpassing any previous troops.

"Give order to the 8th Armored Division and let them go into battle immediately. Since the Russians want to use cavalry to break through our defenses, let them touch the 8th Armored Division. Look at their cavalry Powerful, or our armored force." Lieutenant General Francois ordered.

"Yes, General."

The 8th Armored Division, the moment the battle started, it was ready for battle. It's just that no combat order has been received. So, they've been resting.

After receiving the order, the armored soldiers launched their tanks and rushed to the battlefield immediately.

After the replacement of the new tanks, the number of tanks owned by the 8th Armored Division has returned to more than two hundred. Moreover, the newly mass-produced tanks have made many improvements. Especially in terms of reliability, it has improved a lot. This made the armored soldiers not

have to worry. When fighting on the battlefield, the tank would be turned off, unable to move forward, and could only watch the enemy slip away.

"Ulla! Ulla!"

"Kill all the Germans!"

On the battlefield, the Russian infantry cheered after seeing the cavalry charge. They lost a large number of corpses in front of the German line of defense. They have been beaten down and lost confidence.

Now, the appearance of the cavalry has restored their confidence. After all, in the eyes of ordinary Russian soldiers, their cavalry is the most powerful, and no one can stop their cavalry from attacking. Any enemy will be crushed in front of the cavalry's charge.

The cavalry of the Russian army launched a fierce attack amidst the cheers of the infantry. They seem to be full of confidence, thinking that they will be able to break through the defense line of the opposing German army.

However, it is at this time. Iron bumps appeared on the German defense line. Under the sunlight, these iron bumps shone with a cold light. Even though it's August, it's hot weather. But the officers and soldiers of the Russian army still felt a kind of coldness that penetrated into the bone marrow in this scene.

"What is that?" The Russian cavalry who were charging also found the iron lumps that were slowly approaching them.

"What the **** are the Germans doing? Did they think they could withstand the charge of the heroic Cossack cavalry?"

These Russian cavalry, I don't know what those are. However, the Russian generals watching the battle in the rear couldn't help but pale. From the intelligence from Warsaw, they already knew that the German army had a

secret weapon that was invulnerable. The disastrous defeat of the Second Army was largely due to the attack of this secret weapon of the German army.

"Can our cavalry defeat these iron bumps?" No Russian general would think that the Russian cavalry has this ability. After all, the lessons learned by the Second Army have already explained all this!

"Boom! Boom!"

The tanks of the 8th Armored Division of the German Army began to fire, and shells flew into the cavalry formation of the Russian Army one after another, blowing up many Russian generals from their horses.

"God!" The cavalry of the Russian army couldn't help but exclaimed.

At this time, the tank continued to move forward, and the distance between the tank and the Russian cavalry was getting closer.

"Da da da!"

When the tank's coaxial machine guns and directional machine guns began to fire, the dense rain of bullets suddenly made the charging Russian cavalry feel as if they had hit an invisible wall.

The brave Russian cavalry and their horses were smashed against this invisible wall.

"Machine guns! The Germans have machine guns in those iron lumps."

"Too many machine guns, too powerful firepower, we simply can't rush through!"

The confidence on the faces of the Russian Cossack cavalry has long since disappeared, replaced by panic.

Facing the tanks of the German 8th Armored Division, they simply couldn't rush through.

A large number of Russian cavalry suffered heavy casualties in the face of the powerful firepower of the 8th Armored Division. The Russian cavalry in front fell, and the Russian cavalry behind rushed up and were beaten into a sieve.

The rest of the Russian cavalry reined in their horses in horror, not daring to move forward.

The tanks of the 8th Armored Division are still slowly approaching, constantly using tank guns and machine guns to harvest the lives of the Russian cavalry.

Under such a blow, the Russian cavalry quickly collapsed. The remaining troops fled back in embarrassment.

As for the infantry of the Russian army, they retreated immediately. Even the Cossack cavalry are no match for those iron lumps, let alone them.

The last chance of the Russian army was killed by the 8th Armored Division. They have no way out.

Chapter 223: surrender

"Boom!"

After defeating the Russian Cossack cavalry, the German 8th Armored Division did not stop pursuing, but continued to advance, approaching the Russian position.

"God! Those black devils are coming, let's run away."

Countless Russian soldiers had been frightened by the tanks of the German 8th Armored Division. They simply didn't have the courage to continue fighting and retreated one after another.

Even the generals of the Russian army were all in mourning. They knew it was really over this time. Despite their last-ditch efforts and heavy losses. But still can't change the result.

Fortunately, the German 8th Armored Division did not continue to pursue, and retreated after driving the Russian army for almost five kilometers. It's not that they don't want to continue to chase, but that the fierce battle just now has caused problems with many parts of the tank, and they need to be replaced to avoid more trouble.

The performance of the current tank is still very bad, especially the reliability, which has become an extremely important factor restricting the performance of the tank. If the German army wants to fight a blitzkrieg, it must first further improve the performance of the tank. At least it must be ensured that the tank can penetrate hundreds of kilometers without any problems. Otherwise, the blitzkrieg is nothing more than delusional.

The German army stopped its pursuit, which made the retreating Russian army finally breathe a sigh of relief. Many people, actually have a feeling of surviving after a catastrophe.

"General, what should we do now? In today's battle, the troops suffered heavy losses. Especially the cavalry, there are only more than 1,000 people left. The artillery has been completely lost. We have no strength, so organize another battle." Similar attacks." A Russian general looked desperate.

The other generals of the Russian army also had extremely ugly faces, almost all with expressions of no confidence. Today's battle has completely wiped out all their confidence.

The powerful firepower of the German army, especially the last armored unit, gave them a fatal blow. When they first learned of the disastrous defeat of the 2nd Army, they still somewhat despised the 2nd Army for being too

weak. But now, they know that it's not that the Second Army is too weak, but that the Germans are too strong! If it were them, they would not be the opponents of the Germans either!

"General, since we can no longer ensure the breakout of large forces. Then, let's disperse the breakout! Just like what the 2nd Army did in the end, we can escape as much as possible." A general suggested.

"Yes, General. We have no other choice." The other generals also said. "Everyone, don't forget the terrain here. This is the Masurian Lake swamp area. Those traffic arteries that can pass are all under the control of the German army. The rest are impassable swamps. If you disperse and break through, We have to go through those swamps. At that time, I am afraid that not many people will be able to get out alive." A Russian general broke everyone's head.

Those Russian generals suggested breaking out of the siege, nothing more than wanting to gather elite troops, protect them to break out, and ensure that they can escape. As for ordinary Russian soldiers, they can only give up. However, if it is to cross the swamp, it is different. Those bottomless swamps will not swallow them just because they are generals.

Suddenly, the faces of the Russian generals became very ugly. If it is also possible to lose their lives in a scattered breakout, then they will definitely not make that choice.

All eyes were on Admiral Leiningkamp.

After feeling the desire of his subordinates to survive, Admiral Leiningkamp also felt tremendous pressure. These generals, as well as the more than 200,000 Russian soldiers, don't want to die!

"Let's go back first, let me think about it." Admiral Leiningkamp said.

"Yes, General."

Although some Russian generals hesitated to speak, they never spoke. Everyone handed over the power of choice to General Leiningkamp.

After everyone left, Admiral Leiningkamp fell into deep thought. Now they can be said to have fallen into a desperate situation. If no miracle happens, then they are dead. Of course, General Leiningkamp never believed in miracles.

Admiral Leiningkamp is sixty-one years old, neat and straight, with two curled beards. During the Russo-Japanese War and the suppression of the revolution in 1905, he was well-known in the army for his bravery, decisiveness, and strategy. However, there is a thin shadow over this general, that is, he is a descendant of Germans, and people have certain doubts about his loyalty.

"Well, since you don't trust me in the first place, then there is no need for me to continue working for the Tsar." After thinking for a long time, General Leiningkamp finally made up his mind.

Because he is of German descent, he was treated unequally in Russia. This time, his life was threatened again. Therefore, Admiral Leiningkamp made up his mind to betray the Russian Empire.

"Come here, pass my letter secretly to the Russians." Admiral Leiningkamp found his confidant and adjutant, and solemnly handed him the letter written by himself.

The adjutant obviously knew what this meant, and nodded with a serious face. This adjutant was an orphan raised by General Leiningkamp himself, and he was very loyal to General Leiningkamp. He has long been very dissatisfied with the unfair treatment of Admiral Leiningkamp in Russia.

General Leiningkamp's adjutant, with a secret letter, went to the German defense line.

After some twists and turns, he met Lieutenant General Francois.

"Your Excellency, General, this is a letter from General Leiningkamp." The adjutant handed over the superstition to Lieutenant General François.

Because Admiral Leiningkamp is of German origin, he can also speak German. So, the secret letter was written in German.

Although Lieutenant General Francois was a little surprised, he opened the letter and read it. When he read the letter, he was stunned. He never expected that a senior Russian general like General Leiningkamp would voluntarily surrender to Germany, which was beyond his expectation.

"General Leiningkamp, do you really want to surrender?" Lieutenant General Francois asked in surprise.

"Yes, General. Now the Russian 1st Army has no other way out. Apart from surrender, there is no other way to survive. What's more, the general has been discriminated against in Russia. The Tsar and others are doubting his Loyalty. That's why he decided to surrender to Germany," the adjutant explained.

Chapter 224: Dajie (ask for a monthly ticket)

"General Leiningkamp is willing to surrender to us? Ladies and gentlemen, you see, do we agree to his surrender request?" Qin Tian asked the members of the 8th Army.

After Lieutenant General François received the secret letter from Admiral Leiningkamp, he reported to Königsberg immediately. Even though it was already late at night, Qin Tian still summoned General Hindenburg, General Ludendorff and others to discuss the situation.

"Your Highness, I know Leiningkamp. He is indeed of German origin. It's just that his family has lived in Russia for too long." Admiral Hindenburg said.

"Then it is true that he was discriminated against and treated unfairly in Russia?" Qin Tian asked.

"This is true. Admiral Leiningkamp is generally considered a relatively capable general. At least, among those generals in Russia, he is considered to be a relatively outstanding one. And the current political ecology of Russia, and it is relatively dark. Therefore, Admiral Leiningkamp, who is of German origin, will naturally become the target of many people. It is his luck to become a general of the Russian Army. If he is not careful, he may even die. They will all be lost," Admiral Ludendorff said.

Qin Tian nodded, the current situation in Russia is very bad, he knows this.

"So, shall we agree to Leiningkamp's request for surrender?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, in my opinion, let's agree! After all, there are still more than 200,000 people left in the Russian First Army. If we refuse them to surrender, they will definitely fight desperately. At that time, there will be another fierce battle. Of course we have the ability to wipe them out. But we will inevitably pay a certain loss. And this is completely unnecessary." Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations Brigadier General Max Hoffman said.

"Yes, Your Highness. If the Russian army can surrender, then we won't need to spend a single soldier to deal with the 1st Army. Not to mention, just 200,000 prisoners of war are used as free labor, which will allow us to take over In the reconstruction of East Prussia that has come down, there are many things left." Colonel Manstein also meant the same thing.

"Since everyone thinks this way, let's accept General Leiningkamp's surrender." Qin Tian nodded. In fact, he also thought so in his heart. However, as the commander-in-chief, it is natural to listen to the opinions of his subordinates extensively. Avoid making mistakes as much as possible.

"Your Highness, there is no problem in accepting General Leiningkamp's surrender. But at the same time, we also need to be prepared. After all, no one will be sure whether this is a conspiracy before it happens." Major General Ludendorff Said.

"Well, let General François and the others be more careful. When the Russian army surrendered, all the tanks of the 8th Armored Division went up. If the Russians dare to play tricks, they will all be killed." Qin Tian A murderous look flashed in his eyes. The most intolerable thing for him is to be cheated. If Admiral Leiningkamp used his surrender as a trick this time, Qin Tian would definitely make him die a miserable death.

"Yes, Your Highness." Major General Ludendorff nodded.

"By the way, General Leiningkamp hopes that we can save his family? Let our friends in Russia help out. We have given them so much support, and now it is time for them to repay us." Qin God said.

Requesting the German side to rescue the family, this is also a condition for Admiral Leiningkamp to agree to surrender. For Qin Tian, this is not a problem at all. Germany has many spies in Russia. Qin Tian's Deutsche Industrial Group also had business in Russia before. Even though Russia was evacuated before the war broke out, some people were secretly left behind. In addition, Qin Tian has always supported the cloth party. In Russia, the cloth party can be regarded as a local snake. With their help, everything will be very easy.

After Qin Tian's order reached the front line, Lieutenant General Francois, Lieutenant General Mackensen and Lieutenant General Zeckert all took action. On the one hand, they informed General Leiningkamp that the German side had accepted his surrender. On the other hand, it is to make various arrangements to prevent accidents from happening. Even if this is the conspiracy of Admiral Leiningkamp, it must be foolproof.

Received a reply from Germany, General Leiningkamp immediately summoned the main generals of the Russian 1st Army to formally inform everyone of his decision.

Most of the Russian generals have no opinion on surrendering to Germany. After all, with the battle at this stage, if you want to win, it is basically impossible. If you want to save your own life, surrender is inevitable. Even, many generals have already made preparations in this regard. Originally they were worried that Admiral Leiningkamp would refuse to surrender to Germany, but they did not expect that Admiral Leiningkamp had already contacted the German side, which saved them a lot of trouble.

In addition, since this decision was made by Admiral Leiningkamp, the most important responsibility will also be borne by General Leiningkamp, and they have relatively little responsibility. Even if Tsar Nicholas I blamed it, they couldn't blame them.

Of course, many people who were not loyal to the Russian Empire wanted to resist, but ended up being subdued by the guards. These people will be handed over to the German side next.

On the morning of August 27, the Russian 1st Army formally surrendered to the German 8th Army. Lieutenant General François, on behalf of the German side, received the gun from General Leiningkamp.

More than 200,000 Russian troops calmly accepted this result. For these Russians, keeping their own lives is the most important thing. As for the shame and the like, let's put it aside for the time being.

With the surrender of the Russian 1st Army, the Russian Northwest Front can be regarded as dead in name only. A huge group army with more than 500,000 troops was almost completely lost in just ten days. It is undoubtedly a miracle that the German 8th Army, with less than 200,000 troops, was able to eat 500,000 Russian troops within ten days.

Of course, the 8th Army achieved such an unprecedented victory, which made the situation of the German army and even the Allies on the Eastern Front battlefield greatly improved at once. Although, the Russian threat still exists. However, the elimination of the most elite 500,000 soldiers from the standing army has undoubtedly severely damaged Russia's vitality.

At least, until the mobilization is completed, it will be difficult for Russia to send more troops to the Kingdom of Poland, and it will not be able to pose a threat to East Prussia.

Chapter 225: Mooch's worries

In Berlin, the capital of Germany, at the General Staff, Kaiser Wilhelm II is listening to the report of the Chief of General Staff Moltke on the results of the French border battle with a smile on his face.

Three days ago, the battle on the French border finally came to an end. In this battle, the German Empire successfully defeated the British and French allied forces and won the French border battle.

This battle started on August 8th and ended on August 24th, which lasted half a month. The two sides dispatched a total of more than 3.5 million troops. However, the British and French allied forces, which were superior in strength, were still no match for the elite German army and lost the battle.

The German army attempted to use the main force of the right wing (22 armies and 7 cavalry divisions) to detour west of Paris through Belgium, encircling and annihilating the main force of the coalition forces on the French-Belgian border. The Anglo-French coalition forces (22 half-armies and 7 half-cavalry divisions) deployed on the lines of Etin, Montmedy, Charleroi, and Landreux, and launched an attack in a centrifugal direction. The campaign takes place in 4 regions. From August 8 to 18, the 1st and 2nd French armies attacked Alsace and Lorraine. On the 20th, the German 6th and 7th Army Corps launched a counterattack, and the French Army retreated to the Nancy Highlands. From the 22nd to the 25th, the German 4th and 5th Army Corps and the French 3rd and 4th Army Group engaged in an encounter in the Ardennes. The French army, which was superior in strength, was defeated by the German army and retreated to Verdun and the Meuse River. On the 21st and 23rd, the German 2nd and 3rd armies forcibly crossed the Sambre River and the Meuse River respectively, forcing the French 5th Army to retreat to the south of Philippeville. On the 23rd and 24th, the German 1st Army repelled the British Expeditionary Force to the front lines of Le Cateau and Cambrai in the Mons area. In this campaign, the two sides participated in the battle with more than 3.5 million troops.

During this battle, the British and French allied forces suffered about 300,000 casualties. They lost all fronts north of Verdun, and Paris was threatened. The No. 17 plan of the French army against the German army went bankrupt, and the German army took the strategic initiative on the Western Front.

Of course, the German army did not have its own strategic goal and eliminated the main force of the British and French coalition forces in the battle on the French border. Although the British and French allied forces suffered heavy losses, the main force withdrew to the south of the Marne River. This allowed the British and French allied forces to have enough troops

to defend the Marne River. In addition, France is still mobilizing frantically, organizing more troops to go to the front line for defense. Britain is also sending more expeditionary forces to France. In the end, although the British and French allied forces suffered heavy losses. However, it withstood the German attack on the Marne River. The strategic plan that made Germany's rapid demise of France went bankrupt, and the war inevitably turned into a war of attrition, thus entering a very unfavorable situation for Germany.

These are all wars that took place in another time and space. But in this time and space, with the existence of the variable Qin Tian, perhaps, all of this will be changed!

"Your Majesty, the British and French coalition forces have been severely damaged by us. Although they still have a lot of troops. But after a series of battles, it can undoubtedly be proved that the combat effectiveness of the German Army is absolutely the best in the world. There is no army of any country that can Contend against the German Army." Little Moltke looked very excited and proud, his face flushed.

The 8th Army led by Qin Tian won the Battle of Tannenburg before, which brought him tremendous pressure. But now, through the victory of the French border battle, his position has been consolidated again.

The 8th Army wiped out more than 200,000 Russian troops, but he commanded the main force of the German army to wipe out more than 300,000 British and French troops. Not only do we have an advantage in quantity, but we also have an advantage in quality. How could the Russian army be compared with the British and French allied forces?

"Well, well done. Now we have gained the advantage in northern France. If we can win the next battle and break through the Marne River, Paris is close at hand. As long as we take Paris, the French will definitely kneel Come down, humiliated and pray to us for peace. All this will be exactly the same as it was

more than forty years ago." William II's face was flushed, as if he had seen victory.

"Yes, Your Majesty. We are sure to win." Little Maoqi even echoed.

Other people, including the Minister of War von Falkenhain, all smiled. Either way, it was the Germans winning at the front. For Germany as a whole, this will be very beneficial.

"Your Majesty, the Eighth Army has sent a telegram." A staff officer walked in with a smile on his face.

"Oh, did the Oscars win again?" William II asked with a smile. The German army won an all-round victory on the frontline battlefield, which made him, the emperor, feel very good. When the battle on the French border had just ended, the Masurian Lake battle between the 8th Army and the Russian 1st Army had also reached its climax.

"Yes, Your Majesty. The 8th Army has called, and the commander of the Russian 1st Army, General Leiningkamp, has officially surrendered to us. The number of surrendered Russian troops is more than 200,000. The 8th Army is now placing prisoners, and Take a rest." The staff officer said.

The Russian 1st Army surrendered? This news was a great shock to everyone. After all, annihilating an enemy group army and forcing an enemy group army to surrender are two completely different concepts!

"Haha, okay, Oscar and the 8th Army did a great job. First they wiped out the Russian 2nd Army, and then forced the Russian 1st Army to surrender. The Russian Northwest Front Army is finished. The Russians On the Eastern Front, it is no longer possible to pose a threat to us." Wilhelm II laughed.

The German army won victory on both the western and eastern fronts at the same time, which made him very happy. Now, he is even more sure that Germany will definitely win this battle.

"Congratulations, Your Majesty!" The other generals all beamed with joy. Especially the Minister of War von Falkenhain, his old face smiled like a chrysanthemum.

Little Moltke, also congratulate William II. However, the smile on his face was not very real.

Compared to the victory of the 8th Army on the Eastern Front, the victory of the French border battle on the Western Front seems to be nothing at all. Although, they also wiped out 300,000 British and French allied forces. However, the 8th Army, with a force of 180,000, solved the problem of 500,000 Russian troops. This is undoubtedly a great victory. Besides, the 8th Army can be said to have solved the crisis on the Eastern Front on its own. Even if the Russian army will launch an offensive next, Germany has at least survived the most difficult time. On the Western Front, the war will continue.

Little Mao Qi was a little worried. As Qin Tian gained more and more credit in the war, he would inevitably receive more and more attention from William II. At that time, Qin Tian's right to speak will become bigger and bigger. If it is not done well, he will be the chief of the general staff. For little Mao Qi, power is everything to him, and it must never be lost.

Chapter 226: Battle of the Marne (seeking monthly ticket)

"Everyone, I propose to raise a glass to His Highness the Crown Prince. After the war is stable, we must hold a grand celebration dinner to celebrate the victory of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince." William II looked very excited.

"Yes, Your Majesty. It is estimated that no country's prince can be as outstanding as His Royal Highness. His Royal Highness is not only an outstanding businessman, but also a warship designer, army weapon designer, car designer, and aircraft designer. , and now there is a tendency to develop into a military strategist!" Von Falkenhain laughed loudly.

Other people also complimented Qin Tian. Actually, that's hardly a compliment either. Qin Tian's performance was indeed very dazzling.

Although little Moqi was smiling, his heart became more and more uncomfortable. Looking at the compliments on those guys' faces, he knew that Qin Tian's influence in the military would become bigger and bigger. With Qin Tian's victory on the battlefield, this will make Qin Tian's position unshakable.

"No, I can't go on like this. I have to find a way to stop that guy's upward trend. Otherwise, I'm finished." Xiao Maoqi secretly thought.

Based on the enmity between him and Qin Tian, Xiao Maoqi knew that after Qin Tian took power, the first thing he would do was to kick him from the position of chief of the general staff and replace him with von Falkenheim Enter that guy. Little Mao Qi has always been very clear about von Falkenheim's thoughts. However, relying on his personal relationship with William II, he has been firmly suppressing von Falkenheim. Now, after Qin Tian became the crown prince, he undoubtedly became a huge variable. Von Falkenheim has a great possibility, relying on Qin Tian's support, to squeeze him out.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, the current situation seems to be a bit bad for us!" After William II left, Lieutenant General Prittwitz immediately got into Little Moltke's office.

As a general of the Janissaries, Plittwitz still has a lot of power. However, he was still very unwilling. To be kicked out of the 8th Legion is a lifelong shame. This is especially true when the Eighth Army has won successive victories.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz even believed that without Qin Tian, he would have become the commander of the 8th Army now, his rank had been promoted to general, and he had led the 8th Army to defeat the Russians on

the battlefield. With such credit, he even has the chance to be promoted to marshal. In his opinion, it was no big deal for Qin Tian to lead the 8th Army to defeat the Russian Army. The main reason is that the Russians are too weak. If it were him, he could easily do it. Therefore, his heart became even more unbalanced. Seeing that the marshal is promising, but his path to promotion has been blocked, he is still only a lieutenant general. This made Lieutenant General Prittwitz full of resentment towards Qin Tian.

"Hmm! No one thought that Oscar could actually lead the 8th Army to such a great victory on the Eastern Front." Xiao Maoqi's face was gloomy.

"Hmph! In my opinion, the Eighth Army's victory has nothing to do with Oscar. He is only in his twenties. Could it be that he is really a genius? I don't believe there are any geniuses in this world." ...I think the reason why the 8th Army won the victory is entirely because the Russians are too weak. In addition, the generals of the 8th Army are still very capable." Prittwitz said disdainfully.

Little Maoqi glanced at Plitvich and sighed inwardly.

Although Xiao Maoqi considers himself an enemy of Qin Tian, he will not deliberately belittle Qin Tian, nor will he turn a blind eye to Qin Tian's ability. As an enemy, he also admired Qin Tian very much. Qin Tian is indeed a genius. Otherwise, it would be impossible to achieve so much in my twenties. Any one of these achievements, if it is an ordinary person, is enough to strive for it for a lifetime, and it may not be possible to achieve it.

"Your Excellency Chief of Staff, it can be seen that His Majesty the Emperor is paying more and more attention to Oscar. I think the word 'generation' on his head will be removed soon, and he will become the real crown prince." Prithvi Lieutenant General Ci said.

Little Mao Qi nodded, he was very clear about the gradual change in William II's attitude. At the same time, he also knows. If Qin Tian changed

from the acting crown prince to the real crown prince, then he would never have the chance to touch Qin Tian again. Even William II, whom he relied on the most, would never allow him to do that. At that time, not only his personal relationship with William II will be severed because of this. Even face the blow of William II.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, have you decided what to do?" Lieutenant General Prittwitz urged. He was a little summoned, and Qin Tian's performance was getting better and better, which made him feel more and more desperate.

Xiao Maoqi nodded. He has been thinking of ways to deal with Qin Tian all along.

"With Oscar's current status and status, it is impossible for us to directly attack him, let alone make small moves. That is to provoke His Majesty's bottom line. Therefore, we can only defeat him in a dignified manner. The only way is to command the army, Winning greater victories on the Western Front will completely cover up his brilliance. In that case, His Majesty the Emperor may not pay too much attention to him. In addition, I hope His Royal Highness Crown Prince William can recover soon. As long as His Royal Highness Crown Prince William can Oscar came to his senses before becoming emperor, so it's hard to say who will succeed to the throne." Little Maoqi said.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz nodded, he knew that Little Mao Qi was telling the truth.

"Pray to God, pray that God will bless us! Otherwise, we will be finished." Little Maoqi said with a smile.

"God will definitely bless us." Lieutenant General Plittwitz seemed very confident.

On August 28, Little Moltke officially submitted the battle plan for the Battle of the Marne to William II. Xiao Maoqi is trying to launch the Battle of the Marne at the end of August or early September, in one fell swoop, in the south of the Marne and the Verdun area, and severely damage the British and French allied forces. It is best to annihilate the main force of the British and French allied forces in this battle. Advance to the city of Paris, and take Paris down in one go.

William II approved Moltke's battle plan, and he also hoped to get rid of France as soon as possible and win the war.

The German army began to actively mobilize, and the British and French allied forces were also on the verge of a formidable enemy. This battle will directly affect the fate of both sides. If Germany wins, the Anglo-French coalition forces will be miserable. After losing Paris, whether the French will have the courage to continue fighting is probably hard to say. And if the British and French allied forces win, Germany's attempt to quickly defeat France will be completely defeated.

Chapter 227: The Tsar's Wrath (ask for a monthly ticket)

The Russian capital Moscow, the Summer Palace.

Tsar Nicholas II was furious, and there were already a lot of cases in the office, and all kinds of precious porcelain were all turned into pieces. The Persian handmade carpets on the ground became even more messy. The entire office, as if it had experienced a typhoon, became a mess.

Of course, none of this is scary. The scariest thing is still the red-eyed Tsar Nicholas II. At this moment, he looked as if he was going to eat people, and he looked very scary.

A group of Russian military and political ministers lowered their heads and said nothing, not even daring to look at Nicholas II. None of them knew what Nicholas II would do in his rage.

After the news of the surrender of the 1st Army to the German army came, Nicholas II fell into a rage.

"Bastard! That fellow Leiningkamp, how could he live up to my trust in him? Why did he surrender to the Germans? As a general of the Russian Empire, he deserved to die in battle!" Nicholas The Second King roared loudly with red eyes.

Nicholas II still trusted Admiral Leiningkamp. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been promoted to admiral when everyone else questioned him, and let him be the commander of the 1st Army in this war. But now, Admiral Leiningkamp actually treats him like this. This made Nicholas II think that he was deceived. As an emperor, he has his own dignity, but was deceived by his subordinates. Such behavior was undoubtedly an insult to him, which naturally made Nicholas II furious.

After a while, Nicholas II finally vented the anger in his heart, and the whole person gradually calmed down. However, from his occasional violent chest ups and downs, it can still be seen how angry he is.

It's no wonder that a front army, a whole half a million elite troops disappeared, and the most trusted generals also betrayed. It would probably be unacceptable for anyone to do it.

"Come here, clean up this place. Let's go to another room to discuss things." William II said calmly. However, the tone was still a little stiff. It can be seen how angry he is now.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Since the ministers dare not violate William II. They all knew that the current William II was like a powder keg, which would blow up as soon as it was touched.

"Everyone, I am very saddened by the surrender of the 1st Army to the Germans. Tomorrow, the entire Russian Empire will become the laughing

stock of the whole world. I will never allow such a thing to happen again."
Nikolai Second said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." The ministers hastily stated that they are definitely at the end of the Russian Empire and will never betray the Russian Empire. At the same time, he did not forget to scold Admiral Leiningkamp to show his loyalty to Nicholas II.

"So, tell me, what should we do with Leiningkamp?" Nicholas II asked. For Leiningkamp, Nicholas II hated him very much, and wished to tear him into pieces. He has made up his mind, and he will never let this guy go.

"This..." The ministers looked at each other.

Leiningkamp has surrendered to the Germans, and now he is estimated to be locked up in a prisoner-of-war camp by the Germans, or has received preferential treatment from the Germans. Under such circumstances, what else can they do with Leiningkamp?

"Your Majesty, why don't we secretly send someone to assassinate Leiningkamp. This guy who betrayed His Majesty and the Russian Empire must not stay." The Minister of War, Grand Duke Karl, suggested.

"Well, this is a good way. We must send capable people to get rid of that guy Leiningkamp." Nicholas II said through gritted teeth.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Archduke Karl nodded.

The other ministers could not help but feel a chill. They obviously did not expect that Nicholas II hated Admiral Leiningkamp so much. In order to kill Admiral Leiningkamp, he even resorted to such extreme measures.

"So, how to solve the current battle situation? The Northwest Front Army was wiped out in this battle. And our next step is not to mention continuing to attack East Prussia, even if we are to defend the Kingdom of Poland, it will be

very problematic. The Germans , will never let go of this opportunity to win the Kingdom of Poland." Nicholas II was very unwilling.

The existence of the Kingdom of Poland has made Russia a huge threat to the German Empire. In many cases, they can use this to check and balance Germany. If the Kingdom of Poland is lost, all these advantages of Russia will disappear. Even, on the contrary, it will be threatened by Germany. After all, East Prussia is not far from St. Petersburg.

"Your Majesty, the annihilation of the Northwest Front Army is indeed a very headache. Our troops are still being mobilized. However, due to traffic conditions and other factors, the mobilization efficiency is very low. In addition to the minimum troops left behind in various places, the standing army , have already been transferred to the front line. But the loss of 500,000 people at once still makes our army stretched. However, the importance of the Kingdom of Poland is too great, and we must not give up the Kingdom of Poland." Russian commander-in-chief Ni Grand Duke Gula said.

"Your Excellency, do you have any suggestions?" Nicholas II asked. Grand Duke Nicholas is the uncle of Nicholas II and a very important person of Nicholas II.

"I suggest that if we want to reinforce the Kingdom of Poland, we can only deploy troops from the Guards. In addition, we should deploy a group army from the Southwest Front Army to go north. In this way, our strength in Poland will be kept at about 500,000. .Even if the German attack cannot be resisted, at least it can be delayed. As long as our follow-up troops are mobilized, we can launch a counterattack." Grand Duke Nicholas suggested.

Nicholas II nodded. The Guards is the most elite unit of the Russian Army, not only with the best equipment, but also with the toughest training. It can be called the leader of the Russian army.

It's just that the guards usually defend St. Petersburg and Moscow. Once the guards are dispatched, it means that the war has reached a very critical point.

Nicholas II considered for a while, finally nodded, and agreed to send out guards to reinforce the Kingdom of Poland.

"Let the 2nd Army of the Guards go to Poland. In addition, transfer the 9th Army to Poland. Tell General Jilinski, I will give him one last chance, and the Kingdom of Poland must be defended!"

Chapter 228: Burnt-out Brits (1200 votes plus more

It has been a month since the war broke out. However, the war situation has become very unfavorable to the Allies. Although, the overall strength of the Allies is obviously stronger than that of Germany. However, Germany's powerful military capabilities were fully demonstrated in this battle. Not only has it achieved great success on the east and west fronts, but the British are also in a state of embarrassment when they fight at sea. At least, from the current point of view, the allies led by Germany, even if there are only two countries, Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, still have the possibility of winning this war!

King George V of England specially summoned Prime Minister Asquith and asked him if he could reverse the current situation. If Britain cannot win the war, perhaps it is time to think of other ways. It can be seen that the king, who has just ascended the throne not long ago, is no longer so confident about whether he can defeat the Germans.

After returning to the Prime Minister's Office from Buckingham Palace, Prime Minister Asquith immediately held a cabinet meeting.

"Gentlemen, His Majesty the King is very worried about the current war situation, for fear that we will lose in this war. Personally, I also have the same worries. Although, I believe that the British Empire is the most powerful, and it

will definitely be able to We will win the war in the future. However, the current war situation is really not good for us.

On the Eastern Front, the monstrous crown prince of Germany led an army of less than 200,000 people and wiped out more than 500,000 Russian troops. On the Western Front, the Germans had already penetrated into northern France, and even threatened Paris. The British and French allied forces were beaten all over the place by the Germans. At sea, the German navy is even more aggressive. Every day, many merchant ships are sunk by the Germans in the Atlantic Ocean. The Royal Navy has nothing to do about it. Under such circumstances, it is really hard for me to believe that we will really win the final victory.

Gentlemen, please tell me, what should we do now to turn the tide of the war? " Prime Minister Asquith's eyes swept across the faces of the cabinet members.

"Your Excellency, the Prime Minister, I have to admit that the Germans do have a great advantage on the battlefield. However, this is mainly because they are too well prepared for this war. And we, the French and the Russians , were not prepared. Therefore, the Germans had an advantage in the early stages of the war, which is inevitable." Churchill explained.

Indeed, when the war broke out, Britain, France and Russia were not able to prepare for war. Britain has a strong navy, so don't expect too much from its army. The French Army and the Russian Army are undergoing adaptations. If the French Army and the Russian Army complete the adaptation, the combat effectiveness will be greatly improved. But unfortunately, their adaptation has not yet been completed, and the war has already begun. This made France and Russia have to suspend military reforms and face Germany. This also led to their unfavorable situation on the battlefield.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded, reluctantly accepting this explanation.

"Your Excellency, although the Germans have won victory on the Eastern Front, they have also wiped out as many as half a million troops. Five hundred thousand troops may be a huge number for us. However, for the Russians it is nothing at all. You know, the standing army of the Russians is as many as 1.4 million. Once their mobilization is completed, the army can be expanded to more than 3.5 million, and if it goes further, it can reach It is not impossible to have 500,000 troops. Therefore, the loss of 500,000 troops is nothing to the Russians. We do not have to worry about the Russians at all. I believe that the Russians will soon send more More troops are going to the front," said War Secretary Richard Haldane.

"As for the western front, the German army does take the initiative. Northern France has also fallen to a large area. However, the British and French allied forces are confident that they will defend the Marne River and resist the German attack. The Germans want to break through the Marne River defense line and lay down Paris. That's impossible," continued Richard Haldane.

"His Excellency, Minister of War, can the coalition forces really hold Paris?" Prime Minister Asquith asked. What he was most worried about was that Paris would be captured by the German army. In that case, the French may despair and withdraw from the war. At that time, everything will be irreversible. Without France to contain Germany on land, Russia, which relies only on the Eastern Front, is no match for the Germans at all. Without worries on land, the Germans will definitely fight the British Empire for the ocean with all their strength. At that time, will Britain still be able to win? Prime Minister Asquith, even if he wasn't from the navy, knew it would be very difficult.

"Your Excellency, I don't think you need to worry about this. Even if the French lose Paris, they will continue to fight. Their will to fight is still very firm.

I have already talked to the French Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this issue. ." Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Gray smiled.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded, if this is the case, it would be great. Although the current situation is very bad, it is not so bad that it is out of control. The British and French allied forces are also likely to come back again.

"Although this is the case, we still need to send more expeditionary troops to help the French. It would be best if Paris could not fall. Once Paris falls, it will be a fatal blow to the morale of the French army and the people. We absolutely cannot allow that to happen. Otherwise, it will be even more difficult for us to win the war." Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Richard Haldane nodded.

Now that the army has no problem, Prime Minister Asquith looked to Churchill.

"Minister of the Navy, has the Navy thought about how to deal with the Germans? If the safety of our sea transportation lines cannot be guaranteed, there will be big problems." Prime Minister Asquith said with a serious face.

Britain is a country that relies heavily on sea transportation. Once the sea transportation line is cut off, the consequences will be fatal.

"Your Excellency, the Royal Navy is already trying to deal with the German fleet and submarines. We even sent capital ships to **** merchant ships. From the current point of view, the effect is not bad. The fleet escorted by capital ships, None of them were attacked. However, this is a solution to the symptoms rather than the root cause. I have ordered the Royal Navy to find a way to deal with the German breaching fleet. Only by eliminating them can our sea transportation lines be truly safe."

Chapter 229: royal navy trap

"General Jellicoe, General Betty, how does the Royal Navy plan to solve the threat to our sea transportation line from the German fleet and submarine force? The Prime Minister has no patience. In addition to the current war, it is very detrimental to the entire Allied Powers. Therefore, the cabinet hopes that the Royal Navy can come up with a proper response as soon as possible."

Churchill looked at Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty.

"Your Excellency, in order to reduce the loss of the transport fleet, we are now adopting a large fleet plus a warship escort. On the midline of the Atlantic, merchant ships are assembled. Then the Royal Navy provides safety protection for these assembled merchant ships. From the current point of view, the effect is not bad. We have provided two to three capital ships for each transport fleet. This makes it impossible for the Germans to break through the fleet. Thus ensuring the safe arrival of the transport fleet Great Britain," said Admiral John Jellicoe.

Churchill nodded, this method can solve the problem. However, a large number of capital ships of the Royal Navy have to be engaged in the task of escorting the fleet, which will undoubtedly weaken the strength of the Royal Navy.

"Our capital ships have gone to **** the transport fleet, so what can we do to deal with the German High Seas Fleet?" Churchill asked.

"Your Excellency, our number of capital ships is seriously insufficient now, so we can only maintain vigilance against the German High Seas Fleet. Once we find out that they have changed, we will assemble the fleet." Admiral Jellicoe said.

"No, in this case, the efficiency is too low. Before our main fleet is assembled, the German High Seas Fleet may have launched an attack. Protecting the sea

transportation line and defeating the German High Seas Fleet are equally important. ” Churchill said.

This immediately made John? Admiral Jellicoe didn't know how to answer. The Royal Navy is indeed very powerful, but it is undoubtedly difficult to do these two tasks well at the same time.

"Your Excellency, we are preparing a plan for the German Navy's breaching fleet. If it succeeds, it will severely damage the Germans' breaching fleet. In this case, the threat of the German Navy's breaching fleet to us will be reduced to It is the lowest. It is not impossible to even solve this problem in one fell swoop." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

"Oh? What plan?" Churchill seemed very interested in this. He undoubtedly hopes to solve the German Navy's High Seas Fleet once and for all. Without the threat of the High Seas Fleet, Britain's sea transportation lines would be unimpeded. And Britain's war potential can also be unaffected.

"Your Excellency, we are going to send a large transport fleet from Canada to the UK. At that time, we will assemble a large **** fleet. The German fleet will definitely attack this fleet. At that time, we will ambush another elite fleet nearby. Once the Germans' breaking fleet launches an attack, we will launch an ambush for them. At that time, we will definitely be able to severely damage the German High Seas Fleet." David Betty The lieutenant general appeared to be full of confidence.

Churchill frowned. In his opinion, this plan seemed a little too crude, with loopholes everywhere.

"Will the Germans take the bait? They are not fools." Churchill raised his doubts.

"Your Excellency, the Germans will definitely take the bait. As long as we prepare enough bait to tempt them, they will definitely take the bait. Even if it

doesn't work once, we can prepare several more times. If the German fleet does not launch an attack. If so, we can just ship a large amount of war materials to the UK." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Churchill nodded: "Well, from this point of view, this is a way to get the best of both worlds. If the Germans' fleet breaks through the attack, then we will kill them. If they don't attack, our fleet will be safe. Get supplies to the UK. Either way, we're victors. That's a good idea."

"Your Excellency, then, we need further authorization. This plan has already been prepared, but if the authorization can be obtained, the fleet can depart from Canada tomorrow." Admiral John Jellicoe also said excitedly.

"I can give you a mandate right away. However, I hope you can guarantee a victory for the British Empire." Churchill said.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Minister. We promise to win." Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty are very confident.

As early as the battlecruiser "Lion" was sunk, the Royal Navy Grand Fleet had already begun to find a way to solve the German Navy's broken fleet. After this period of hard work, they finally perfected the plan and started to put it into action. What is lacking now is nothing more than a mandate from Churchill. Of course, they had already expected that Churchill would definitely authorize them. Because, from the bottom of his heart, Churchill was a main fighter.

"May I know which warships you have prepared for this operation?" Churchill asked.

"Of course, Your Excellency, this plan may be a secret to others. However, adults are fully qualified to know this plan." Lieutenant General David Betty said.

"The fleet we have prepared for this plan is mainly divided into the **** fleet and the ambush fleet. The **** fleet is four 'George V-class' battleships. The ambush fleet is three 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers, three 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruisers, the remaining two "Lion-class" battlecruisers, the "Tiger" battlecruiser and the four "Iron Duke-class" battlecruisers that have just entered service." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

"Is this going to wipe out all the capital ships of the Royal Navy?" Churchill asked suspiciously.

"Your Excellency, we are indeed preparing to dispatch the most powerful battleships in the Royal Navy. In addition to the battlecruisers, the four 'George V-class' battleships and the four 'Iron Duke-class' battleships are the latest Royal Navy battleships. A sharp capital ship. At that time, once the German Navy's High Seas Fleet takes the bait, we will prepare a tight encirclement, and we will never let the Germans have the opportunity to take out this encirclement." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

If it wasn't for the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships that haven't entered service yet, it is estimated that David Betty will require this class of battleships equipped with 381mm main guns to join this operation.

Chapter 230: Just count (ask for a monthly ticket)

On August 31, 1914, a large fleet set off from the east coast of Canada. This fleet consists of more than twenty merchant ships. On merchant ships, iron ingots, aluminum ingots and various non-ferrous metals are transported, as well as grains such as wheat and grains.

After the start of the Great War, the British war machine has been running crazily, which requires a lot of war materials to consume. It is obviously impossible to meet the needs of the war by relying solely on the resources mined in the UK. Therefore, Britain can only mobilize various resources from

its vast colonies. It is precisely because there are vast colonies available for exploitation that Britain has the confidence to join this war.

Although, the German Navy's breaking fleet is frantically attacking the British sea transportation line, causing great losses to the United Kingdom. However, this did not prevent the British from transporting various supplies to the mainland. The British know very well that the sea transportation line is their lifeblood. For a country that even needs to transport food from overseas, once the sea transportation line is cut off, it means death.

That's why the British government is so nervous about the attack on the sea transportation line by the German navy. Only then will the Royal Navy be required to destroy the German Navy's breaking fleet at all costs to ensure the safety of the Royal Navy's sea transportation lines.

Of course, Germany also knows this, so it will do its best to cut off the British sea transportation line, thereby weakening Britain's war potential and winning this war.

It can be said that the competition for maritime supremacy between the United Kingdom and Germany will mainly revolve around the British sea transportation lines. Especially before the main fleets of the two sides engage in a decisive battle, the battle of breaking and fighting against breaking will become the main battle of this naval battle.

The news that the British large-scale fleet departed from Canada was also sent back to China by German spies in Canada as soon as possible. After the German Navy learned of the news, it immediately analyzed it and concluded that this was most likely a British conspiracy.

After all, under the attack of the German Navy's breaking fleet, the British have already suffered a lot on the sea transportation line. Even if they sent warships to escort, it only reduced some losses. The battlecruisers and

submarines of the German Navy continued to achieve results, sinking British merchant ships and transport ships, threatening the British sea transportation lines.

Even on average, for every ship of materials transported by the UK to the country, a transport ship sank into the sea with the materials. Such a loss, even if Britain has the world's largest merchant fleet and the world's most powerful shipbuilding capabilities, it will soon be unable to hold on. Therefore, the British will definitely find a way to change this situation. The elimination of the German Navy's break-off fleet is undoubtedly the solution to this problem once and for all.

"Your Excellency Marshal, Your Excellency Commander. Therefore, the Naval Staff Department concluded that the news this time was most likely revealed by the British on purpose. And their goal, of course, is self-evident, which is to destroy us. Hand it over to the fleet." Chief of Naval Staff Marshal von Pohl said.

The German Navy Minister Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, and he could also guess what kind of calculation the British were planning.

"However, another piece of information shows that the supplies transported by the British fleet are all genuine, and they are all the various resources and food that the British continue. If we don't attack them, this fleet will be able to safely transport these supplies to the UK. This will further unleash Britain's war potential," said Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, Commander of the High Seas Fleet.

"General Scheer, do you mean that even if we know this is a trap, we should take the risk?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz frowned. This decisive sea battle with the United Kingdom is directly related to whether the German Navy can gain maritime supremacy from the British. Therefore, he hopes to be more

cautious. Such an obvious trap, the German Navy should naturally find a way to avoid it.

"Yes, Marshal. I personally think that we can take a risk. With the strength of our fleet, we can deal with all problems. Coupled with the advantage of speed, even if we are really in danger, we can Escape calmly. If we can get rid of this huge British transport fleet this time, then the British may not dare to do this again in the future. This is very important for cutting off the British sea transport line. It will be very effective to attack the war potential of the British." Admiral Reinhard Scheer explained his reasons.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, which is indeed very reasonable. However, he was a little uncertain about how to choose.

"Your Highness, what do you think?" Marshal Count Tirpitz looked at Qin Tian.

That's right, Qin Tian also participated in this naval meeting. Although, during this period of time, Qin Tian's main experience has been placed on Lu Jun. However, after the 8th Army killed the Russian Northwest Front Army, a week-long rest began. Qin Tian also used this time to return to Berlin to report on his duties to King William II and at the same time visit his wife and children.

Coincidentally, after the navy learned of the little tricks of the British, Marshal Earl Tirpitz invited Qin Tian to participate in this meeting. Qin Tian's investment in the navy is undoubtedly the largest, and he also hopes that the navy can win the decisive battle with the British the most. Therefore, Qin Tian did not refuse the invitation of Marshal Earl Tirpitz and directly agreed.

"There is no doubt that this must be a trap set by the British in order to eliminate our breaching fleet. I am sure that if we launch an attack, the British must have a strong main fleet ready Ambush us." Qin Tian said.

"Does Your Highness mean that the British will be ignored this time?" asked Marshal Count Tirpitz.

"Of course not. If we let the British fleet reach the British mainland, the British will choose this way next time. At that time, if we want to cut off the British sea transportation line, it will become empty talk So, we must try our best to avoid such a situation from happening." Qin Tian said.

Everyone looked at Qin Tian, wondering why he said contradictory words.

"Although we know that this is a trap set by the British. However, we can use our tricks to let the British steal chickens without losing money!" A smile appeared on Qin Tian's face.