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## Chapter 261: The Rapture of Wilhelm II

On the night of September 5, 1914, at the Wilhelmshaven Naval Base, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Crown Prince Qin Tian, Minister of the Navy Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Chief of Naval Staff Marshal von Pohl and others all arrived here. They are here to welcome the battlecruiser formation of the Imperial Navy that has returned from a great victory.

During the naval battle in the mid-Atlantic, the Imperial Navy severely damaged the British Navy, sank seven battleships and three battlecruisers, and severely damaged one battleship and one battlecruiser. Fell into ecstasy. For a long time, William II has been supporting the development of the navy, for, isn't it just the hope that there will be such a day?

Wilhelm II will surpass the British Navy as the target of the German Navy. Although, previously, this seemed like an impossible goal. But now it seems that this goal is within reach.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, under the illumination of large searchlights, the entire military port was illuminated as if it were daytime. One after another, the battleships sailed into the berths of the naval port. It can be clearly seen that these battleships still have bullet marks left in the battle and traces of being burned by the fire. This allows those who have not personally experienced this naval battle to appreciate how difficult this naval battle is.

But fortunately, the final victory is still the Imperial Navy.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer, Lieutenant General Hipper and Lieutenant General Spee walked down the gangway and came to William II.

"Your Majesty, the ministers fulfilled their mission and defeated the British Navy." Admiral Reinhard Scheer said.

"Okay, very good, thank you for your hard work. I am proud to have generals like you and brave naval soldiers!" William II's face was full of smiles.

"The British have been the hegemony of the world for hundreds of years. Therefore, they dictated to the German Empire and ignored the legitimate demands of the German Empire. But now, the German Empire has taught the British a lesson and let them know that the German Empire It's not so easy to bully. Any act of provoking the German Empire will pay a heavy price. I hope that you will be able to lead the Imperial Navy to greater victories in the future!" William II told Admiral Reinhard Scheer The others said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer and others said.

Next, William II gave a passionate speech for the returning naval officers and soldiers, which made the naval officers and soldiers even more confident in the future war.

For the officers and soldiers of the Imperial Navy, this victory has indeed given them full confidence in future wars.

Everyone, including William II, probably did not expect that this time the war would be so smooth. Although, before the outbreak of the war, the German Navy had already entered the fast lane of development, possessing a large number of advanced warships. However, these battleships are only advanced data on paper, and have not been tested in actual combat. So, everyone is a little worried.

But now it seems that the performance of the warships of the German Navy can completely suppress the British Navy, which finally makes them feel relieved. At the same time, he has even more admiration for Qin Tian, the designer of the capital ship of the German Navy. If Qin Tian hadn't designed these warships and single-handedly led the construction of these warships, it

would have been almost impossible for the German navy to achieve such a brilliant victory.

Next, there is a grand celebration. The Admiralty has already been at the pier, preparing a lot of food and all kinds of alcohol. Except for the officers and soldiers on duty, everyone can participate in the celebration. This is also of great help in improving the morale of the troops.

However, William II, Qin Tian and others did not participate in the celebration. They listened to the report of Admiral Reinhard Scheer and others in the conference room of the base, as well as the deployment of the next battle.

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, Lieutenant General Hipper and Lieutenant General Spee made combat reports respectively. From their reports, it can be known that although in this naval battle, the number of capital ships dispatched by the German Navy is far inferior to that of the British Navy. But, almost from the start of the fight, they were in the upper hand. And, gradually transformed into an overwhelming advantage. This enabled the German Navy to win a brilliant victory at the cost of a battlecruiser being severely damaged in this naval battle.

"I didn't expect that our battleship would be so powerful. Oscar, you did a good job. If the Imperial Navy can defeat the British in this war, you will be the first!" William II said.

Other senior naval officials also nodded. They have no objection to this statement of William II. Although, Qin Tian didn't personally go to the front line to fight against the British navy. However, the role he played was much greater than that. Without the warships he built, the German navy would have been blessed by God, not to mention defeating the British.

After all, if the shipbuilding ideas of the experts of the Naval Technical Committee are followed, they have always followed the British ass. Although it is safer and will not take detours, it cannot achieve overtaking on curves and surpass the British. Of course, it is now even more proof that the British attach importance to firepower and speed, and underestimate the design ideas of defense, which is fundamentally wrong. The emphasis on defense and survivability that the German Navy has always insisted on is correct. In Qin Tian's design, this point was brought to the extreme, which enabled the German navy to easily win this battle.

"Father, marshals and generals, I just did what I should do. Whether the imperial navy can defeat the British navy in this battle is crucial. This is related to whether we can break through the British navy. The people's blockade will continue the war. The sinister intention of the British is undoubtedly to use their powerful navy to block our coastline, cut off our overseas trade, and slowly drag us to death. However, after this naval battle, I think the goal of the British should be impossible to achieve." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"It is impossible for the British who have suffered heavy losses to continue to blockade the German Empire. Our overseas trade may be restarted. Of course, the British will definitely learn from us and attack our merchant ships. Therefore, in my opinion, overseas trade should not be carried out for the time being, and will be restarted after the imperial navy completely defeats the British. Anyway, the supplies the empire had stored before the war are enough for us to use for a long time." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

William II and Qin Tian both nodded in agreement.

#### **Chapter 262: Hanging Britain**

"The current strength of the Imperial Navy has completely surpassed that of the British Royal Navy?" William II asked.

"Yes, Your Majesty. Whether it is the number of cutting-edge battleships or the combat effectiveness, we have already surpassed the British. Of course, if it is considered as a former dreadnought, the number of battleships of the British is still the largest in the world. However, Those old-fashioned pre-dreadnoughts have no combat effectiveness at all in naval battles." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

The German Navy also has more than 20 pre-dreadnoughts. As dreadnoughts and super-dreadnoughts have become the protagonists in naval battles, more of those pre-dreadnoughts can only be used as coastal defense warships. After this war ended, they were dismantled, which was even more doomed.

The new capital ships of the German Navy, including four 'Nassau-class' battleships, five 'Helgoland-class' battleships, five 'Kaiser-class' battleships, five 'King-class' battleships, three 'Blücher-class' battleships Er-class' battlecruisers, three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers and three 'Derfflinger-class' battlecruisers. A total of nineteen battleships and nine battlecruisers. In addition, there are five "Bavaria-class" battleships and three "Makensen-class" battlecruisers under construction. If all are completed, the German Navy will have 24 cutting-edge battleships and 12 battlecruisers.

In contrast to the British Navy, there is still one battleship 'Dreadnought', three battleships 'Belle Luofeng', three battleships 'Saint Vincent', one battleship 'Neptune', two battleships 'Giant', four One 'Orion-class' battleship, one 'King George V-class' battleship, two 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers, one 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruiser, two 'Lion-class' battlecruisers and 'Tiger' battlecruiser, a total of 14 battleships and six battlecruisers. Of course, the British Navy still has five "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships and five "Revenge-class" battleships that are about to enter service. If they are all in service, the British Navy will have 24 battleships and six battlecruisers.

Of course, the German side did not know that the British had requisitioned two battleships built for the Ottoman Empire and one battleship built for Chile, which increased the number of battleships in the British Navy by three.

In this case, the two sides are basically equal in the number of capital ships. However, the capital ships of the German Navy have stronger combat effectiveness, which has already passed the test of naval battles.

"So, everyone, can we launch a decisive battle against the British navy? If we conduct a decisive battle at this time, our chances of winning should be great!" William II said.

"Your Majesty, we have a great chance of winning a decisive battle with the British Navy at this time. However, the British are not fools. They will not fight us at this time. If I were the commander of the British Navy, I would definitely All the strength is huddled in the naval port. Wait until the warships that have not yet been in service are completed before they are put into service. Therefore, even if we try to fight the British, they will not agree. They will rely on strong and coastal fortifications and We confronted each other. In that case, we would have no advantage at all," said Marshal Count Tirpitz. It is undoubtedly a stupid act to use battleships to attack strong coastal fortifications. Unless it can have an overwhelming advantage, otherwise, no one will do that.

King William II couldn't help frowning: "Could it be that we just watched the British regain their strength? In that case, the advantage we finally gained will gradually be lost again."

William II seemed a little unwilling about this.

"Father, it is not so easy for the British to restore their strength. Although their navy still has two tiers of ten powerful battleships about to enter service, the

Imperial Navy can still have an advantage. If the British take the initiative at that time A decisive battle with us is naturally the best. If the British are not willing to fight us, then we will continue to fight, cut off the British sea transportation line, and directly drag the British to death. If the British don't fight us decisively, then it won't work." Qin Tian said.

King William II did not answer immediately, but looked at the generals of the navy: "General Scheer, what do you think?"

"Your Majesty, His Highness the Crown Prince's suggestion is very good. Since the British are unwilling to engage in a decisive battle with us, we can only use the tactic of breaking the war against them. At that time, even if the British want to build a large number of warships to recover Strength is also impossible. Once the sea transportation line is cut off, they simply don't have enough war supplies to support the construction of those warships. Even, they don't even have enough food. At that time, what will the British have? Fight us?" Admiral Reinhard Scheer said.

William II nodded, he is not a professional in the navy. Since the commander of the High Seas Fleet thinks so, let's do this. He believes that this will be very beneficial to the German Empire.

"In this case, then continue to implement the blockade of the United Kingdom, sink all the British merchant ships, and send them all to the Atlantic Ocean to feed the fish." William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Everyone replied.

Because it was already very late, William II left early. Qin Tian stayed and discussed the next tactics with a group of naval generals.

"Your Excellency Marshal, how is the performance of the submarine force?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, the submarine force has performed very well. During this period of time, submarines have sunk more British merchant ships than the fleet. They have even sunk British warships. Although they are all small It's a warship, but it's pretty good." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said with a smile.

In the beginning, he didn't take the submarine as a gadget hidden under the water, thinking that it couldn't change the outcome of the war at all. However, as the submarine force of the German Navy began to launch a fierce attack on British merchant ships, the British sea transportation line was gradually cut off, which made Marshal Earl Tirpitz start to face up to the strength of naval submarines.

"The role of submarines will be far more than that, and we need to further develop them. While we are developing submarines, we must also develop anti-submarine weapons. In this way, even if other countries also develop submarines, we will be able to deal with them." .” Qin Tian specifically mentioned.

#### **Chapter 263: Beware of America**

Early the next morning, Wilhelm II and Qin Tian, together with Marshal Count Tirpitz and Marshal von Pohl, left Wilhelmshaven Naval Base by special train and returned to Berlin.

William II and the others had a lot of government and military affairs to deal with, while Qin Tian was going back to East Prussia to continue commanding the 8th Army. The rest of the 8th Army has been completed, and all the losses in the battle have been replenished. According to Qin Tian's planned plan, the 8th Army will attack the Kingdom of Poland from East Prussia in the next step. Even if the war is fought on their own land, they will pay a heavy price. It is best to burn the flames of war to other people's territory.



Before, in order to eliminate the Russian Northwest Front Army, the 8th Army had to choose tactics to lure the enemy deep. But now, the Northwest Front Army has been almost completely wiped out, and the Russian army has no decent troops in the Kingdom of Poland. Naturally, they don't need to defend anymore, and they can just switch to a full-scale attack.

Though, now Russia is definitely also mobilizing troops into the Kingdom of Poland. But Qin Tian believed that the 8th Army could easily destroy the Russian Northwest Front Army, and it would also be able to deal with the Russian troops sent later.

On the train, William II, Qin Tian and others discussed the current situation.

"The army launched the Battle of the Marne yesterday. The progress seems to be pretty good. If we can defeat the British and French forces in the Battle of the Marne, we will be able to advance the front directly to Paris. At that time, the French will be very It is possible to withdraw from the war. We will win this war." William II talked eloquently, and seemed to be full of confidence in the Battle of the Marne launched by the army.

Although Qin Tian knew the result of the Marne River Battle in another time and space, everything has changed in this time and space. Whether the German Army can win the Battle of the Marne is still uncertain. However, based on what Qin Tian learned, I am afraid that the battle situation is not as optimistic as William II said. Little Mao Qi's orders were not well implemented in the armies on the Western Front. This may lead to the fact that the German army, like another time and space, failed to win the Battle of the Marne. As a result, the war inevitably entered a stalemate.

Of course, even if Qin Tian knew this, he would not say it. Otherwise, it would be throwing cold water on William II. When William II was in high spirits, doing so was undoubtedly courting death.

"As long as our army can defeat France and the navy can defeat the British Royal Navy in a decisive battle, then we will win future wars." William II said.

"Yes, Royal Father, I am also full of confidence in winning this war. However, I don't think we can be too optimistic before everything is settled." Qin Tian said.

"Oh? Oscar, do you have any worries?" William II asked.

"Father, don't forget that on the other side of the ocean, there is a powerful country that has not made any statement about this war so far. If they join the war, it will have a great impact on the entire war, and even relations To win or lose." Qin Tian said.

King William II couldn't help but frowned: "You mean the United States?"

"Your Highness, the United States has taken a neutral attitude so far. They shouldn't join the war, right? Even if they join the war, they won't necessarily be against us, right? Maybe they will join our camp as well. Maybe." Marshal von Pohl said.

"No matter which side the Americans join, it will be very unfavorable to the German Empire. If the United States joins the Allied Powers, then we will have to face a powerful hostile country. If we want to win the war, we have to pay more And if the United States joins the allies, it will be very bad for us. Because that means we will be forced to share the benefits with the Americans. This is for us who want to replace the United Kingdom and become the hegemony of the world , is unacceptable." Qin Tian said.

The expressions of Wilhelm II, Marshal Earl Tirpitz, and Marshal von Pohl suddenly became a little ugly. Before the war broke out, they didn't seem to have considered the attitude of the United States at all. They always believed

that this war was a war of European countries, and the United States should not intervene.

"Oscar, the Americans may not intervene. Isolationism in their country is very prevalent." William II said.

Qin Tian nodded: "Indeed, the isolationism in the United States is a trouble. But if the United States wholeheartedly wants to join the war, I think this trouble is nothing. The US government has a hundred ways to solve it. This trouble."

"Your Highness, even if the United States joins the war, we have nothing to fear, right? Except for the strength of the US Navy, which is slightly stronger, their army is simply rubbish." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

The U.S. Army, before entering the war, only had more than 100,000 people. This is because there are no powerful countries around the United States. In addition, the current United States is not the Uncle Sam who will dominate the world in later generations. It can be regarded as a boy Sam at most, and there is no need to send troops overseas. Therefore, their army has always been relatively small.

As for the U.S. Navy, although its strength is not weak, it is relatively speaking. The U.S. Navy ranks third in the world, after the United Kingdom and Germany. However, since the German navy can beat the British navy, it naturally doesn't have to be afraid of the Americans. However, if the British and Americans unite, they can cause some trouble to the German navy. But it's just troublesome. The German Navy is still capable of dealing with it.

"The military strength of the United States is indeed not strong now, but don't forget that their industrial output value surpasses ours. Once the Americans decide to join the war and start mobilizing with all their strength, with their industrial scale and population, they can quickly Arm an army of several

million soon. Once this army appears in Europe, it will be a great threat to us." Qin Tian said.

William II couldn't help frowning even tighter.

"Oscar, what can you do?" William II asked.

Qin Tian shook his head: "I have nothing to do. The only thing I can do is to win the war before the Americans decide to join the war. In this case, even if the Americans want to join the war, they will late."

#### **Chapter 264: american concerns**

The impact of the mid-Atlantic naval battle between Britain and Germany was undoubtedly far-reaching. Not only did Germany see the Royal Navy's external strength, but it also made the Royal Navy realize that they are very likely to lose in this war.

This also made the British begin to think of other ways to recover their disadvantages and win the war.

On the morning of September 6, the British ambassador made an emergency meeting with the US Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan.

"Hello, Your Excellency, Secretary of State!" Compared with the past, the face of the British ambassador was less proud and more humble. You know, in the past, the British used to look like country bumpkins or nouveau riche in front of Americans.

Historically, the United States was a British colony. Although, in the American War of Independence, the British were defeated and had to pinch their noses to recognize the independence of the United States. However, that is because of a variety of factors. If France hadn't been fighting Britain all over the world at that time, so that Britain could not do its best to suppress the resistance of the Americans, perhaps the Americans would not have won the

War of Independence at all, and there would be no United States of America today.

"Hello, Your Excellency the Ambassador." A hint of surprise flashed in Secretary Brian's eyes. The United States is currently unaware of the news that the British Navy lost in the naval battle.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, I was ordered to ask for support from the United States of America. The ongoing war has made the British Empire feel a little powerless. Especially after the Germans despicably adopted the method of breaking the war, our sea transportation line is facing destruction. The danger of being cut off. The British government wants to hire American merchant ships to transport supplies for us. In addition, we hope that the US government can provide us with a loan. This loan will be used to purchase war materials in the United States and shipped to us by American merchant ships. England," said the British ambassador.

After hearing this sentence, Secretary of State Brian was stunned. Is this something that a proud British can say? You know, haven't the British always looked down on them? Now he actually took the initiative to ask them for help. Could it be that the sun came out from the west?

"Your Excellency, I admit that what you just said surprised me very much. Did something happen? After all, the war has just begun, and the British Empire can't hold on anymore? This is really unbelievable" said Secretary Bryan.

"Your Excellency, on behalf of the British government, I sincerely invite the United States of America to join the Allied Powers and fight against the evil Allies. If the Allies win the war, the whole of Europe and the whole world will be under their evil rule. To At that time, the United States will definitely not be able to survive alone." The British ambassador said.

Secretary of State Brian's face became tense. What the British ambassador said made him very nervous. How did this happen? The powerful British Empire is actually pessimistic about the situation of the war. Doesn't this mean that the British are about to be defeated?

"God! How is this possible?" Secretary Bryan exclaimed.

In the eyes of Secretary of State Brian, Britain is the hegemon of the world! Although the industrial output value of the United Kingdom has been surpassed by the United States and Germany successively, the United Kingdom, which has vast overseas colonies, still has the most powerful navy in the world. With the help of a powerful navy, their overseas interests can be guaranteed. It can be said that as long as the world colonial system built by Britain does not collapse, Britain will still be a world superpower. However, now that the war has only started for more than a month, the British feel that they cannot win the war, which is really unbelievable.

"Your Excellency, it is not up to me to decide whether to join the Allied Powers. I need to report to the President. However, I personally advocate joining the Allied Powers. However, I need a reason to convince the President and the Cabinet. Please tell me , What the \*\*\*\* happened?" Secretary Bryan asked.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, until now, I will not hide from you. The Royal Navy has fought two naval battles with the Germans. In the first naval battle, we failed. The battlecruiser 'Lion' was sunk." said the British ambassador.

Secretary of State Brian nodded. The battlecruiser 'Lion' was sunk, and the United States has also received related news. However, it was just the loss of a battlecruiser, which was nothing to the rich and powerful British.

"Yesterday, we had another naval battle in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The Royal Navy tried to destroy the German Navy's breaking fleet, but instead fell into an ambush by the Germans. During the fierce battle, the Royal Navy suffered heavy losses. Seven powerful ships The battleships were sunk, and three battlecruisers were sunk. Another battlecruiser and a battleship were severely damaged. It can be said that the Royal Navy has suffered a heavy blow and has been shattered. "Britain The ambassador did not hold back, and told Secretary of State Bryan all about the failure of the Royal Navy.

The British side believes that only when the Americans feel the strength of Germany will they feel cold, and they will fully support the United Kingdom, and even join the Allied Powers to fight.

After all, the British also know the ambitions of the Americans very well. The Americans, like the Germans, want to replace Britain as the world's hegemon. It's just that their attitude is a little more moderate, not as radical as the Germans. However, it is essentially the same.

If the Germans win this war, Germany will inevitably replace Britain and become the world hegemon. A German Empire ruling Europe would be stronger than the current British Empire. At that time, it will be impossible for the United States to become the world hegemon again. If the Americans still want to become the hegemony of the world, then they will absolutely not be able to let the Germans win this war.

"God! Are the Germans so powerful?" Secretary of State Brian was completely shocked.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, we need the support of the United States of America." The British ambassador said.

"Your Excellency, Ambassador, I will report to Your Excellency the President immediately." Secretary of State Bryan said.

After the British ambassador left, Brian rushed to the White House to report the news to President Wilson. At the same time, before leaving, he notified the other cabinet ministers by phone. For such a major event, the U.S. government must handle it carefully. Whether to join the war will affect the future of the United States.

#### **Chapter 265: can't let germany win**

When Secretary of State Bryan arrived at the White House, the cabinet members had almost arrived. President Woodrow Wilson, speaking with Vice President Thomas R. Marshall. Obviously, everyone doesn't know much about the emergency that Bryan said.

"Mr. Bryan, please sit down. What happened?" President Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, the British Royal Navy suffered a disastrous defeat yesterday, losing more than ten capital ships. The Royal Navy has been wounded. They have fallen into a disadvantage in the confrontation with the Germans." Secretary of State Bryan said.

"What? How is this possible?"

"How could the Royal Navy lose to the Germans? They are the strongest navy in the world!"

"Mr. Bryan, are you not joking? How could the Royal Navy lose to the Germans?" Navy Secretary Josephs Daniels asked. He has always been somewhat complacent about the fact that the U.S. Navy can rank third in the world. But now, the German navy has actually completed a counterattack, which undoubtedly has a great impact on his concept. Once the Royal Navy is really defeated, the German Navy will be number one in the world. The U.S. Navy is absolutely impossible to compare with the German Navy.

"Mr. Daniels, I am not joking. In fact, the British ambassador has just left my office. The proud Anglo-Saxons, who have humbled their noble disclosures,



are begging the United States to support them and better join them In the camp of the Germans, fighting the Germans," Secretary Blaine said.

"God! The world is changing too fast. Those proud British people will bow their heads to us. Don't they always regard us as nouveau riche? I never thought that the British would have such a day." !" Vice President Marshall laughed.

The other members of the American cabinet also laughed. The current situation of the British made them very happy.

"Gentlemen, everyone, stop laughing. The British can't hold it so quickly. This is probably not a good thing for the United States of America. Everyone think about it, what should we do next? To be able to Let the United States of America gain the greatest benefit," President Wilson said. He has always regarded this war as a good opportunity to expand the influence of the United States. With the help of the world war, making war windfalls will not only bring the US economy to a higher level, but also greatly weaken the strength of European powers. In this case, the United States may take the opportunity to rise, and even replace the United Kingdom and become the world hegemony.

However, the war has only started for more than a month now, and the British can't hold it anymore. This is completely beyond President Wilson's expectations. The strength shown by Germany in this war seems to be too strong. Once Germany wins the war, I am afraid it will definitely not be a good thing for the United States of America. In that case, the United States will only be able to shrink the American continent, and will no longer be able to compete for the throne of world hegemony. This is absolutely unacceptable to President Wilson.

Cabinet members shut up immediately. As President Wilson said, the Germans won the war, which is not a good thing for the United States.

"Your Excellency, the longer this war goes on, the better for us. If the European powers can lose both sides in this war, then they will have to give up the leadership of the world. In this case, we will have world leadership," said Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison.

"Of course we hope that this war will last as long as possible. In this way, we can sell more war materials to the warring parties. But unfortunately, everything does not seem to be developing in the direction we hoped!" Minister of Finance William Gibbs McAdoo said.

The current situation is indeed somewhat difficult for the United States. They didn't want to see Germany win the war, but they didn't want to join the war if they wanted them to.

"Secretary Daniels, if the U.S. Navy and the British Navy join forces, can we defeat the Germans?" President Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, we don't know the specific strength of the German navy. However, even the British were easily defeated. Then, it can be seen that the strength of the German navy is undoubtedly very strong. Now, the U.S. Navy has only ten dreadnoughts, although there are four more under construction, they will not enter service soon. The other battleships are pre-dreadnoughts. Naval battles have proved that those pre-dreadnoughts are already obsolete. If we enter the war, even together with the British Navy, it is estimated that it will be difficult to defeat the Germans, at most it will be a tie." Minister Daniels said.

President Wilson's complexion suddenly became ugly. Such a result made him somewhat unacceptable.

"Are we really unable to prevent the Germans from winning this war?" President Wilson asked,

"Your Excellency, I think the British may have exaggerated. Although they lost more than ten capital ships, this is certainly a serious injury to the Royal Navy. But if the Royal Navy has no power to fight back, then It is too exaggerated. According to the information we have received, the Royal Navy has ten super battleships equipped with 381mm main guns under construction, and it is estimated that they will be able to enter service next year. Therefore, the Royal Navy should still have the power to fight." Minister Daniels Said.

"What do the British mean? In order to drag us into their camp, did they deliberately deceive us?" Secretary of State Bryan said.

"The British are not counting on deceiving us! I think the Germans should be too strong, making the Royal Navy have no confidence in future wars. Therefore, they can't wait to get our support. It dragged us into the war." Minister Daniels analyzed.

President Wilson nodded, thinking that Minister Daniels' analysis is quite reliable.

"Gentlemen, should we join the war now? Should we join the camp of the Allied Powers and fight against the Allies?" President Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, it would be too early to join the war now, as the situation is not yet clear. Of course we cannot let the Germans win the war, but the United States of America must not be easily involved in the war." Minister of War Garrison stated.

#### **Chapter 266: Secret support**

"Your Excellency, isolationism is prevalent in the country now. If we are directly involved in the war, this may arouse strong opposition from the people. Therefore, it is not a good idea to get involved in the war now." Vice President Marshall said.

"Your Excellency, I also think that we should wait until the situation becomes clearer before deciding whether to join the war, or which side to join." Secretary of the Navy Daniels also said.

"Gentlemen, what should we do with the British request?" asked President Wilson.

"Your Excellency, since the British want to hire our merchant ships, buy our war materials, and lend us loans, we can agree to them. In this way, we can further stimulate the development of our economy. At the same time, it can also strengthen the British. The strength of the Germans. The Germans' breaking war is indeed about to hang the British. The British mainland is small and relies heavily on sea transportation. Once the sea transportation line is completely cut off by the Germans, they will be completely finished." Minister of Commerce Redfield said.

"It would be best if the Germans could not win the war. Before the war broke out, a large amount of German capital entered South America and competed with us for South America. Once the Germans won the war, I'm afraid they will be even more unscrupulous. At that time, we will most likely lose South America. I think everyone doesn't want this to happen." Redfield continued.

The faces of the senior officials of the American cabinet present all of a sudden became serious.

The U.S. government has always regarded the Americas as its own back garden, and will never allow other countries to intervene in the Americas. The previous competition between the United States and Germany in South America has aroused the vigilance of the US government. If Germany really won the war, they would definitely speed up their scramble for South America. At that time, Germany will become the world's hegemon, will the United States still be able to hold South America?

"Your Excellency, we secretly support the British, let the British and the Germans fight! It is best for them to fight and lose both sides. In this case, it will be beneficial to us." Minister Garrison said.

"But, if we do this, will it anger the Germans?" Vice President Marshall was a little worried.

"As a neutral country, the United States did not participate in the war. The relationship between us and the British is just a normal trade relationship. The Germans can't prohibit us from trading with the United Kingdom, right? The military strength of the United States of America is not very strong. , However, it is definitely not something that the Germans can bully at will." Secretary of State Bryan said.

President Wilson thought about it, and then nodded: "You can agree to the British's request and let them hire our merchant ships to transport supplies for them. You can also sell war supplies to them, but the price must go up. As for the loan , can also be provided to them. However, the British must have collateral. Such as gold, or their colonies!"

The United States practices mercantilism, and the senior officials of these governments are undoubtedly very clear about the way of business. Now that the British have something to ask them, of course they will take the opportunity to open their mouths and make a fortune from the British. You know, the United States now owes a lot of foreign debts, and it is the world's largest debtor country. Whether they can pay off all those debts depends on how much war fortune they can make in this war. up.

Britain has been the overlord for hundreds of years, and the wealth it has accumulated is undoubtedly amazing. It would undoubtedly be better if the United States could wrest that wealth from the British. In addition, the United States is also coveted by the huge British colony. The United States rose too late. Like the Germans, when they successfully rose and wanted to participate

in the carve-up of the world, they found that the world had already been carved-up too late. So, they just got some leftovers. Now, it is undoubtedly a good opportunity for them to take advantage of the fire.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Secretary of State Bryan nodded. He already fully understood what President Wilson meant.

"However, on the German side, we can't make enemies with them. If the development of the war situation is very beneficial to the Germans. Even if the Germans are destined to win the war, we can't be enemies with the Germans. The United States of America will always be on the victor's side," President Wilson said.

This cannot be blamed on the reality of the Americans, there is no other way. If you stand on the wrong team and stand on the loser's side, even the United States will inevitably suffer heavy losses.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." The other cabinet ministers nodded one after another.

"Gentlemen, the development of this war has exceeded our expectations. The strength of the Germans is unexpectedly strong. Therefore, there are not many opportunities for us to choose. Next, we must be more careful. Be cautious. Every decision you make must be more careful, and it is directly related to the future of the American Republic," President Wilson said.

"Your Excellency, I think that under the current situation, it is necessary for us to strengthen our military construction. The army is nothing more than that. No country has the ability to cross the ocean and attack the mainland of the United States. Our navy must be further strengthened. OK. Ten dreadnoughts and four battleships under construction are too few, far from being able to compare with Britain and Germany. Therefore, we need to have a stronger

navy. Otherwise, this will make us In the future international society, the right to speak will become weaker and weaker." Vice President Marshall said.

"Well, the strength of the navy should indeed be further strengthened." President Wilson nodded.

"Minister Daniels, the Navy should submit a new warship construction plan as soon as possible. The Navy of the Republic of America must be at the forefront of the world. Other countries who want to provoke the Republic of America have to think about it." President Wilson said.

Once Germany wins the war, Germany will be more difficult to deal with than Britain. In addition to the strong navy, the British army is not strong. But Germany is different. The German army has long been number one in the world. If Germany's navy also becomes the number one in the world, then no country in the world has a military strength that can compete with it. If the United States wants to ensure its own interests, it must further strengthen its military strength.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Secretary Daniels nodded.

#### **Chapter 267: Marching to Warsaw**

East Prussia, Königsberg. Qin Tian came back here again.

Now is the time of war, Qin Tian found that he seems to prefer to stay with the army. In troubled times, it is undoubtedly every man's dream to build a career. Even though Qin Tian is now the crown prince of the empire, he still has a dream of being a general in his heart. The 8th Army, under his leadership, has won one victory after another on the battlefield.

When Qin Tian rushed back to Königsberg from Berlin, the 8th Army had already completed its rest. And, according to the scheduled plan, military operations began. Only the general staff remains in Königsberg. The 11th Army, 17th Army, and 20th Army under the 8th Army, as well as the 8th

Armored Division, have left the station successively, crossed the border between East Prussia and the Kingdom of Poland, and began to march towards Warsaw.

"Is our advance going smoothly now? Have we encountered any resistance from the Russians?" Qin Tian asked as soon as he entered the Eighth Army's staff headquarters.

"Your Highness, the advancement of all ministries is relatively smooth at present, and there is no resistance from the Russians for the time being. The Northwest Front Army of the Russian Army was almost wiped out by our army before. Although they have sent reinforcements, they have not yet arrived. The whole There are only 10,000 to 20,000 Russian troops left in the Kingdom of Poland. And, almost all of them are huddled in Warsaw. Therefore, we can advance all the way quickly. At this speed, it only takes five days for us to reach Warsaw ." Major General Ludendorff introduced to Qin Tian.

Qin Tian nodded, and the aftereffects of the almost complete annihilation of the Russian Northwest Front Army have already appeared. The Russian army that has not yet completed mobilization has no power to stop the advance of the German 8th Army on the battlefield of the Kingdom of Poland.

"What reinforcements did the Russians send to the Kingdom of Poland? How many are there? When will they arrive in the Kingdom of Poland?" Qin Tian asked.

"Our friends from the Buddhist Party have already provided us with information. Tsar Nicholas II ordered the 9th Army of the Russian Army and the 2nd Guards Army to reinforce the Kingdom of Poland. However, these two corps are still on their way , it will take at least a week to reach Warsaw. If we destroy the railway line, it will take them even longer. When they arrive in Warsaw, they will find that Warsaw has fallen into our hands." On the Hindenburg Will laughed.



"The 9th Army and the 2nd Guards Army? Isn't the 9th Army fighting against the Austro-Hungarian Empire? How come there is still room to go north? The 2nd Guards Army is the main force of the Russians defending Moscow. Nicholas II this Once, is it going to cost money?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, the Russian Ninth Army's ability to go north is undoubtedly the reason why our ally, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was unable to hold the Russians back. Otherwise, how dare they deploy their troops to go north? In fact, the Austro-Hungarian Empire is fighting with The Russians did not fight well on the battlefield, and they have already been defeated by the Russians. If it weren't for their sufficient strength, they might have collapsed." Major General Ludendorff looked contemptuous.

Although, the Austro-Hungarian Empire is a staunch ally of the German Empire. However, these generals of the German Army looked down on the combat effectiveness of the Austro-Hungarian Army.

"The Russians were vulnerable in the battle with us. However, in the battle with the Austro-Hungarian Army, they seemed to be very capable. Sometimes I really doubt that the Russian army we encountered, Is it the same Russian army? Could it be that the Russians sent all their elites to fight against the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the people who came to deal with us were the mob instead?" Admiral Hindenburg was also a little amused.

Actually, it might just be the opposite. You must know that the Northwest Front Army of the Russian Army is the main force that has assembled the standing army of the Russian Army. What the Austro-Hungarian Army had to face was only a small number of main forces of the Russian Army. The other troops are second-line troops. But even so, the Austro-Hungarian Army failed to win. It can be seen how bad their combat effectiveness is.

"The Austro-Hungarian Army has been weak for a long time, so we can't force them too much. It's not bad that they can hold back hundreds of thousands of Russians for us." Qin Tian said.

Qin Tian is very clear about the combat effectiveness of the Austro-Hungarian Army. In another time and space, their performance was very bad. It can be said that whether it was against the Russians, the Serbs, or the Italians later, it was all thanks to the help of the German Army. Otherwise, they would not be able to win at all.

"As for the 2nd Guards Army of the Russian Army, its combat effectiveness should indeed not be weak. But that's all. The 8th Army is still confident of defeating them. Nicholas II sent out the 2nd Guards Army, but there is no It's a matter of solution. Who made the mobilization efficiency of the Russian army so low? The Kingdom of Poland is very important to Russia. If the Kingdom of Poland is lost, Russia will be very passive in this war. As a last resort, Only Tsar Nicholas II would call out the 2nd Guards Army." Major General Ludendorff said.

"If we defeat the 2nd Guards Army again, will Nicholas II also send out the 1st Guards Army?" Qin Tian asked.

"What does Your Highness mean?" Admiral Hindenburg and Major General Ludendorff were a little puzzled, they knew that Qin Tian would not raise this question without reason.

"The 1st Guards Army is a force defending St. Petersburg. If the 1st Guards Army is deployed, it will inevitably empty St. Petersburg. Our Russian friends seem to have a chance. As long as Russia is in chaos, it will be easier for us to obtain Victory." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Your Highness, it is entirely possible." Admiral Hindenburg's eyes lit up.

"Your Highness, it seems that we have to modify the battle plan. We must find a way to wipe it out, at least severely damage the 1st Russian Guards Army." Ludendorff also laughed.

"Gentlemen, it seems that you have understood what I mean. Well, let's do it! I suggest that the headquarters be moved from Königsberg to the front, preferably not far from Warsaw. In this way If so, we can grasp the situation on the front line as soon as possible." Qin Tian suggested.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff did not reject Qin Tian's proposal.

That afternoon, Qin Tian and the others set off from Königsberg and took the train to the southern border of East Prussia. There, change another car and head to Warsaw.

#### **Chapter 268: Surround the spot to fight for aid**

On September 8, Qin Tian and others were less than 50 kilometers away from Warsaw. An infantry division of the 11th Army of the 8th Army of the German Army even approached a small town only ten kilometers away from Warsaw, and had a firefight with the Russian troops stationed here.

After a slight resistance, the Russian army retreated into the city of Warsaw.

Obviously, the Russian Northwest Front Army, which was almost wiped out, no longer has the ability to confront the German army. The reason why they shrink their forces and give up a large area of territory except Warsaw is that they hope to be able to hold out in Warsaw until the arrival of reinforcements.

Chekhanow, City Hall. It has been requisitioned by the 8th Army of the German Army and has become the temporary headquarters of the 8th Army in the Kingdom of Poland. Qin Tian, General Hindenburg, Major General Ludendorff and others work here.

"Your Highness, the forward of the 11th Army has arrived in Warsaw, and they request to launch an attack on Warsaw." Colonel Manstein reported.

"An infantry division attacked Warsaw? Can it be taken?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, in Warsaw, there are only 20,000 Russian troops at most. And they are 20,000 Russian troops with weak fighting will. If one of our infantry divisions defeats them and then takes Warsaw, there should be no problem." Hindenburg The general said confidently.

An infantry division of the 8th Army, although the number is only more than 16,000 people. However, their equipment is much, much more advanced than the Russian army. It can be said that compared with the poorly equipped Russian army, it is completely armed to the teeth. It is not a problem at all to defeat more than 20,000 Russian troops with one infantry division.

Qin Tian nodded: "Everyone said, shall we take Warsaw?"

"Your Highness, the staff believes that keeping Warsaw is more beneficial to us than taking Warsaw." Major General Ludendorff said.

"Oh? Does the staff have any plans?" Qin Tian asked.

"General Hoffmann, please introduce the battle plan submitted by the War Department to His Highness!" Major General Ludendorff said.

"Yes, Chief of Staff." Brigadier General Hoffman stood up.

"Your Highness, the main purpose of our current operations in the Kingdom of Poland is to occupy the Kingdom of Poland. The threats to us are the Russian Ninth Army and the Second Guards Army. As for the Northwest Front Army in Warsaw The remnants of the enemy are no longer a cause for concern. We only need to leave an infantry regiment in Warsaw to guard against them. Our main force is used to deal with the two fronts of the Russian army.

As the capital of the Kingdom of Poland, Warsaw, the 9th Army of the Russian Army and the 2nd Army of the Guards will definitely come for reinforcements. And we will use Warsaw as a bait to attack the two Russian armies. said Brigadier General Hoffman.

Qin Tian understood what he meant, and he planned to gather around the spot for help. However, this is indeed a very good way. To occupy the Kingdom of Poland, the most important thing is to defeat the two Russian army groups that came to rescue the Northwest Front Army. After defeating them, naturally all problems can be solved. Warsaw will fall into their hands easily like a ripe peach.

"Yes. This strategy is very feasible. However, I also make a request." Qin Tian said.

"What request does Your Highness have?" Major General Ludendorff asked.

"The two armies of the Russian army should not be defeated, but encircled and wiped out, and wiped out as much as possible." Qin Tian said. Russia has too many people and too many troops. If it can be wiped out, it must not just be defeated. If Germany wants to defeat Russia, or even destroy Russia, you have to find ways to get rid of their vital forces.

"Yes, Your Highness. We will do our best." Major General Ludendorff said.

"What is the specific battle plan?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, the 9th Army of the Russian Army has arrived in Lublin, and the 2nd Guards Army is in Bia Stok. Lublin is about 120 kilometers away from Warsaw. Bia is Stok. Warsaw is 150 kilometers away. We plan to launch a siege to one of the two Russian armies after they approach Warsaw. With the 8th Armored Division as the vanguard, their defenses can be easily torn apart

.The infantry will advance further, so as to crush them and eat them in one fell swoop. After eating one army group, they will attack another army group. Our troops can be transported by a large number of trucks, much faster than the Russian army. So, don't be afraid of them slipping away." Brigadier General Hoffman said.

The tactics adopted by the 8th Army this time can be described as quite simple. But they have strong strength as a support, even if it is a simple tactic, the probability of success is very high. At least, so far, no Russian army can withstand the attack of the 8th Armored Division. They can easily smash the defense of the Russian army and open the way for the subsequent infantry attack. Even, directly defeated the Russian army.

"At that time, which group of the Russian army is closer to us, we will attack that group first. However, at this time, we must prevent the other Russian army from coming to the rescue." Qin Tian said.

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

In the battle against the Russian army, the German army seldom needs to rely on subtle tactics to win, and can crush the Russian army directly with its strong strength. But if you face the armies of Britain, France and other countries, you need to be a little more cautious. Although the firepower of the 8th Army is also stronger than that of the British and French allied forces, other German troops will not have much advantage.

Although Russia is one of the great powers, their army is not very powerful. The reason why they can be among the great powers is entirely because they have too many troops. So much so that other countries are terrified.

After the 8th Army of the German Army determined the tactics of besieging and attacking aid, it only besieged and did not attack Warsaw.

Even, except for the infantry division of the 11th Army, the other troops did not even approach Warsaw anymore, but began to rest. A large number of materials from Germany were transported by road to various troops to prepare for the war.

The 9th Army of the Russian Army and the 2nd Army of the Guards continued to advance towards Warsaw. However, after entering the territory of Poland, the actions of the Russian army became more cautious, and the speed of advancement also slowed down a lot, with a maximum of 20 to 30 kilometers a day. In this case, it will take nearly a week to arrive in Warsaw.

Regarding the slow action of the Russian army, the German army is naturally somewhat dissatisfied with the slowdown. In order to urge the Russian army to move faster, the German army began to pretend to attack Warsaw.

#### **Chapter 269: Russians are very cooperative**

In the city of Warsaw, the headquarters of the Russian Northwest Front Army.

Since the Russian 1st Army and 2nd Army were almost completely annihilated, General Ivan Jilinsky, the commander of the Russian Northwest Front, was very anxious, for fear that Tsar Nicholas II would directly order him to be arrested and sent to prison. Hanged. However, after several days passed, Tsar Nicholas II did not issue such an order, which made Admiral Ivan Jilinsky heave a sigh of relief while feeling puzzled. After all, no one wants to die.

Until later, when Nicholas II issued an order, he only reprimanded Admiral Ivan Jilinsky, but did not remove him from the post of commander of the Northwest Front Army. At the same time, two group armies were also dispatched to reinforce the Kingdom of Poland, under the command of the Northwest Front Army. This made Admiral Ivan Jilinski very grateful, and in

the telegram sent to Nicholas II, he even stated that he would definitely defend the Kingdom of Poland. If he can't keep it, he will commit suicide and apologize.

After reading the telegram sent by Admiral Ivan Jilinsky, Nicholas II threw it aside and ignored it. It wasn't that he didn't want to convict Admiral Ivan Jilinsky. He really couldn't find a suitable candidate to replace Admiral Ivan Jilinsky. General Ivan Jilinsky served as the chief of staff of the Russian Army, and the other generals more or less gave him some face. If it were someone else, I'm afraid they would not be able to command those arrogant soldiers immediately.

Other Russian generals seemed unwilling to go to the Kingdom of Poland to take over this mess. In fact, they are also very clear that the situation in the Kingdom of Poland is already very tense. After the German army won the victory in East Prussia, the next step must be to attack the Kingdom of Poland. Since he is the commander of the Northwest Front Army, he has to fight against the powerful German army. With the precedent of the Northwest Front Army, everyone is afraid that it will become the next target of the Germans to defeat. In that case, the consequences would be very serious. If it doesn't work out, even my life will be lost. Therefore, Admiral Ivan Jilinsky was able to escape, and he continued to sit in his current position.

"General Letsky and General Krapovich, when will they arrive in Warsaw?" Admiral Ivan Jilinski looked very anxious. Now, the German army has arrived in Warsaw, but the reinforcements of the Russian army have not yet arrived. If the German army launched an attack, how could such a small number of Russian troops in Warsaw be able to defend it. After the failure of the two battles in East Prussia, which led to the destruction of the 1st and 2nd armies, Admiral Ivan Jilinski had already developed a fear of the German army.



"General, the 9th Army is still in Lublin, and the 2nd Guards Army has just set off from Biya to Stoker." The staff officer reported.

"Asshole! Didn't they report yesterday that they are heading towards Warsaw? Why are they still on the way now?" Admiral Ivan Jilinski was furious.

If the reinforcements cannot reach Warsaw for a day, he has no way to rest assured. I am afraid that the German army will attack. Once he can't keep Warsaw, then his end will undoubtedly be very tragic.

"General, the German artillery is preparing, and it looks like it will launch an artillery attack on Warsaw soon." Suddenly, an officer rushed into the headquarters and reported to Admiral Ivan Jilinski.

"Damn it!" Admiral Ivan Jilinsky couldn't help cursing.

"Boom! Boom!"

Suddenly, continuous explosions sounded in the city, and one building after another was destroyed under the shelling of the German army. Residents of Warsaw fled long before the Germans launched their offensive. For these civilians, the German army did not stop them. Now, almost all that remains in Warsaw is the Russian army. Therefore, the German army was able to fire unscrupulously.

"Boom!" A shell exploded not far from the Russian army's headquarters. This made Ivan Jilinsky's face even more ugly.

"Send a telegram to the 9th Army and the 2nd Guards Army, telling them that they must arrive in Warsaw within three days. Otherwise, I will report their disobedience to His Majesty the Tsar. I want to see , Will they be able to bear the responsibility for the defeat." Admiral Ivan Jilinsky said with a gloomy face.

He is obviously going to play a rogue. If the responsibility for the defeat can be shifted to General Letsky and General Krapovich, then he can take the opportunity to get away. As for what kind of consequences this will cause, I am afraid it is not his consideration.

"Yes, General." The communications officer immediately went to send a telegram.

According to General Ivan Jilinsky, the reason why General Letsky and General Krapovich were slow on the road was simply to punish him. Once Warsaw fell and the Kingdom of Poland perished, Tsar Nicholas II would definitely not let him go. Therefore, he must try his best to save his own life. If the two of them still don't obey the order, then even if he dies, he will pull the two of them back.

"Two armies, 400,000 people, and one of them is an elite guard army. No matter how strong the Germans are, they will definitely have no problem holding Warsaw!" General Ivan Jilinski said.

"Yes, General. The Germans' combat effectiveness is indeed very strong, but the Second Guards Army is also well-equipped and brave in combat. Even in field battles, it cannot beat the Germans. But if it is defensive, it is enough to knock Warsaw. The operation has become a fortress. Even the tank troops of the Germans can't even think about defeating us." General Samsonov, commander of the Russian Second Army, said.

After the Second Army was encircled and wiped out, General Samsonov, the commander, had better luck and escaped successfully. However, after fleeing back to Warsaw, he almost became a polished commander. However, he has a close relationship with Admiral Ivan Jilinsky, so he still has a place in the Northwest Front Army Command. Of course, the reason why Tsar Nicholas II did not deal with him was because he was in a desperate situation and did not betray the Russian Empire. Unlike Admiral Leiningkamp, he

immediately surrendered to Germany. In comparison, he's pretty good. Therefore, Nicholas II let him go.

Of course, this is just letting them go temporarily. If the Russian army fails miserably in the Kingdom of Poland, the angry Tsar Nicholas II will definitely send them all to the gallows. Tsar Nicholas II never showed mercy to those losers.

#### Chapter 270: primary target

Bia is Stoke, the headquarters of the 2nd Russian Guards Army. The commander, Admiral Krapovich, is furious.

"Damn it! Bastard! Jilinski, how shameless is he? He actually wants to blame me for the defeat. It's so shameless!" Admiral Krapovich cursed.

General Krapovich is also a heavyweight in the Russian Army. In the Guards system, he is second only to Marshal Mirolav. Although Admiral Ivan Jilinsky's qualifications are a little higher than his, he must not be framed in this way.

"General, what should we do now? Should we continue to maintain the current marching speed?" A lieutenant general asked.

Admiral Krapovich had a dark face and said nothing. He and Admiral Letski slowed down their march to Warsaw, although they felt the threat from the Germans. But at the same time, there are also some dissatisfaction with Admiral Ivan Jilinski. They believed that since Admiral Ivan Jilinsky suffered a disastrous defeat in East Prussia, he should step down from his current position. In this case, they will not have the opportunity to serve as the commander of the front army.

In the Russian Army, if you want to be promoted to Marshal, it is undoubtedly the best way to get promoted from the position of Commander of the Front Army.

Therefore, Admiral Krapovich and Admiral Letzsky deliberately slowed down, wanting to wait until Warsaw fell before launching an offensive to retake Warsaw. In this case, they have an explanation to Tsar Nicholas II, and they can even be rewarded. At the same time, he can get rid of Admiral Ivan Jilinsky, which can be said to kill two birds with one stone.

But I didn't expect that Admiral Ivan Jilinsky would be such a shameless person that he would report to Nicholas II. Once the noise reached the ears of Nicholas II, it would be impossible to contain the fire with paper. At that time, if Nicholas II blamed it, they would all be unable to eat and walk around.

"General, General Jilinski will not really report to His Majesty the Tsar, will he?" Some generals were worried. Everyone knows that Nicholas II was very upset because of the previous fiasco. If something like this happens again, it will definitely anger Nicholas II. Such consequences are quite serious.

"Send a telegram to General Letzky, he must have received a warning from that Jilinski guy. Ask him what he plans to do!" Admiral Krapovich ordered.

"Yes, General." The adjutant immediately sent a telegram.

Lublin, General Letsky, commander of the Russian Ninth Army, also received a warning from General Jilinsky. This also made Admiral Letzsky very angry.

However, in the face of Jilinski's warning, he, like Admiral Krapovich, had no way to counter it.

As a result, Admiral Letzski and Admiral Krapovich had to lead the troops to speed up and rush to Warsaw. And this happened to fall into the trap of the German army. The troops of the 8th Army of the German Army have already been prepared, waiting for these reinforcements from the Russian Army.

General Letzsky, commander of the 9th Army of the Russian Army, and General Krapovich, commander of the 2nd Guards Army, did not relax their vigilance against the German army. They are well aware of the strength of the German army. The German army did not attack Warsaw, which was empty of troops, and it was obvious that they were eyeing these two support troops.

Ciechanov, the headquarters of the German 8th Army. The information obtained by the reconnaissance planes and intelligence personnel is all summarized here, which allows the commanders of the 8th Army to be well aware of the movements of the Russian army.

"Your Highness, the 9th Army of the Russian Army and the 2nd Guards Army have both accelerated their marching speed. It seems that we are pretending to attack Warsaw, which scared Ivan Jilinsky enough. He had to force Letsky and Krapovich to speed up." Admiral Hindenburg smiled.

In his eyes, the two Russian armies are just fat meat sent to their mouths! As long as the 8th Army launches an attack, they will definitely be able to eat them.

"Well, it seems that Ivan Jilinski was frightened by us. He was afraid that we would really attack Warsaw, so he ordered the troops back to help." Qin Tian nodded.

Many times, internal strife within the enemy is far easier to succeed than their own hands.

"Your Highness, after the Russian army speeds up, the 9th Russian Army and the 2nd Guards Army will arrive in Warsaw within four to five days. When will we attack, and which Russian army will we attack?" Ludendorff said. The major general asked for instructions.

"What about the staff's opinion?" Qin Tian asked.

On these tactical issues, Qin Tian never makes decisions on his own, and he will listen more to the opinions of those professionals. After all, they are the professionals, and there will be less chance of problems. Unlike him, he just became a monk halfway and understood some theoretical things. At most, he uses his foresight skills to put forward constructive suggestions in some general directions.

"Your Highness, judging from the distance, the 9th Army of the Russian Army will arrive in Warsaw about a day before the 2nd Guards Army. However, the 2nd Guards Army is closer to our main force. Therefore, the opinion of the staff is two Two days later, we will attack the 2nd Guards Army. According to the marching speed of the Russian Army, the 2nd Guards Army will arrive in Ostrow in two days. The 8th Armored Division and the 11th Army can attack the Russian Guards there. The 2nd Army launched an attack. With the strength of the 8th Armored Division, it would not be a big problem to defeat the 2nd Russian Guards Front Army. The 17th Army was responsible for outflanking the rear of the 2nd Russian Guards Army and expanding the As a result of the battle, it is best to be able to eliminate all of the Russian 2nd Guards Army. As for the 20th Army, it will be responsible for guarding Warsaw and the Russian 9th Army. If the Russian 9th Army wants to reinforce the 2nd Guards Army , the 20th Army is responsible for intercepting them." Brigadier General Hoffman explained the battle plan formulated by the staff.

Qin Tian had no objection to this plan. The 8th Armored Division has now become the ace unit of the 8th Army. It is precisely because of the strong combat effectiveness of the 8th Armored Division that the German 8th Army dared to attack the superior Russian army with a small number of troops.

"The 2nd Guards Army of the Russian Army is their elite unit. Can our two armies and one armored division eat them?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, there may be some difficulty. However, the difficulty will not be too great!" Major General Ludendorff said firmly.