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Chapter 301: Successfully squeezed out (ask for a monthly ticket)

"Well, the performance of Oscar and the 8th Army really shocked me. However, this is also a very good thing for the empire." William II showed a smile on his face.

Qin Tian and the Eighth Army's victory on the Eastern Front made William II very satisfied. At the same time, what made him more satisfied was undoubtedly Qin Tian's next deployment for the Eastern Front. The combination of military means and political means has completely brought down Russia, so that Germany no longer has to worry about this powerful enemy in the east. If Qin Tian's plan is successful, it will give Germany an advantage in this war.

This also made William II very fortunate, fortunate to have chosen Qin Tian to be the Crown Prince of the Empire. Otherwise, it might not be what it is now. Even if Crown Prince William came to his senses now, whether William II would ask Qin Tian to return the position of Crown Prince to Crown Prince William is another matter. After all, Qin Tian's performance in the position of Crown Prince is more than a little bit better than that of Crown Prince William back then. Qin Tian's political wisdom and ability to deal with problems are obviously more sophisticated than Crown Prince William. It can be said that William II obviously believed that Qin Tian was the best candidate for the crown prince.

Little Mao Qi saw the smile on William II's face, and his heart sank even more. He knew that William II's attitude towards Qin Tian had fundamentally changed. If he wanted to continue fighting Qin Tian, King William II would not give him any more support.

As soon as he thought of this, little Maoqi made a new decision.

"Your Majesty, my relationship with the Crown Prince was very tense because of my different political views. Now, I understand that everything is because I am too short-sighted. I am willing to reconcile with the Crown Prince, but I am worried that the Crown Prince will not forgive Me. So, I hope His Majesty can intervene." Little Maoqi said sincerely.

King William II was taken aback for a moment, as if he couldn't believe it. After all, he was also very clear about Little Mao Qi's character. In this case, it doesn't seem like little Maoqi can say it! However, if the conflict between Xiao Maoqi and Qin Tian can really be resolved, that would be a good thing.

"Okay, I will tell Oscar. I believe that Oscar is not the kind of person with a small belly." Little Maoqi smiled.

"Your Majesty, I regret the current predicament on the Western Front. Due to some reasons, we failed to defeat the British and French coalition forces on the Western Front as we wished. However, I believe that we will have a chance next time. What we need to do now It is to let the troops rest and store combat supplies. When the time is right, we will launch a big war. I believe that by then we will be able to defeat the British and French allied forces, take Paris, and defeat France." Xiao Maoqi continued. He wanted to use this method to convince William II that he could still lead the German army to victory.

It's just that, to Little Maoqi's regret, William II didn't seem to give him the response he wanted.

"I need to think carefully about the matter on the Western Front. However, I suggest you take a break first. You have been busy with this war since before the war started. I think you should take a good rest If this is the case, it will be good for your body." William II said tactfully. He believed that little Maoqi should be able to hear what he meant.

Little Maoqi opened his mouth, wanting to say that he is in good health and doesn't need to rest at all. However, in the end he still couldn't say anything. He knew that William II had made up his mind to replace him by saying so. Let him go to rest, this is just to save face for him. If he didn't know what to do, William II might not be so easy to talk to. At that time, it will definitely lose face.

Little Maoqi knows how to choose. If he accepts William II's suggestion, the friendship between him and William II may continue. Otherwise, their friendship would have to come to an end.

"Yes, Your Majesty, I do feel very tired recently. Therefore, it is undoubtedly the best to take a rest. However, if Your Majesty needs it, you can call me at any time. For the sake of the empire, I am willing to continue fighting ." Little Maoqi said.

King William II nodded, and a trace of sentimentality flashed across his face. The trouble between him and Little Maoqi made him feel uncomfortable.

"Your Majesty, if there is nothing else, then I will take my leave." Little Maoqi said.

"Okay, go back and have a good rest!" William II said.

Little Moltke left the office of William II, his back was full of bleakness and loneliness. For him, losing the position of chief of staff is obviously very uncomfortable.

William II also remained silent for a long time as he watched the back of Little Mao Qi leaving.

"Hey, let's find a chance to talk to Oscar in the future, don't embarrass little Maoqi anymore! After all, we are friends, and we can't leave no sympathy!" William II sighed. Let Qin Tian not trouble Little Maoqi, this is the only way William II can help Little Maoqi for the sake of friends.

Little Mao Qi went to find William II, of course he couldn't hide it from Qin Tian. Qin Tian got the news almost when little Mo Qi entered the office of William II. At that time, Qin Tian was discussing the next battle with von Falkenhain.

Now, it is almost a foregone conclusion that von Falkenhain will take over as chief of staff. However, after von Falkenhain came to power, he must come up with a plan that is beneficial to Germany! Otherwise, it would not only be difficult to do business with William II. At the same time, I can't explain to those generals! In that case, it would not be so easy for von Falkenhain to secure his position as chief of the general staff.

"Your Highness, little Maoqi went to find His Majesty, will there be any accidents?" Von Falkenhain was a little worried.

Qin Tian shook his head. He knew William II's character, once he made up his mind, it would be difficult to change. What's more, Little Maoqi's performance in this war was indeed too bad. William II would never allow Mao Qi to lead Germany to victory in this war since he was the chief of the general staff!

"Don't worry, everything is a foregone conclusion. No matter how hard Xiao Maoqi works, nothing will change." Qin Tian said confidently.

"In this case, it would be the best." Von Falkenhain was relieved a lot.

The next day, Wilhelm II issued an order to remove Moltke from the post of Chief of General Staff, and the Minister of War von Falkenhain would also serve as Chief of General Staff.

Chapter 302: Defending from the west and attacking from the east

"Falkenhein, from now on, you will also serve as the chief of staff. I hope that under your leadership, the Imperial Army can defeat powerful enemies, help the German Empire, and win this war!" William Second said.

The most important reason why William II made up his mind to replace Moltke was to win the war. In this war, Germany did everything possible. If the war is lost, the consequences will be disastrous. Therefore, this battle must be won. Little Moltke's previous performance was too bad, which also made William II believe that Little Moltke would not be able to lead the German Army to victory. Then, he can only place his hope on other people. And von Falkenhain was his chosen candidate.

On the one hand, von Falkenhain is the Minister of War and most qualified to take over as Chief of the General Staff. On the other hand, von Falkenhain's ability is also very good. In addition, there is another point, that is, the relationship between von Falkenhain and Qin Tian is very good. William II no longer wanted to see the strength of the German Army affected by the tense relationship between the Chief of Staff and the Crown Prince. Such a lesson, once is enough, William II does not want to do it again.

"Yes, Your Majesty. I must do my best to lead the German Empire Army to defeat the powerful enemy and win the final victory of the war!" von Falkenhain said excitedly. After waiting for so many years, he finally got his wish. You know, the struggle between him and Little Maoqi has been going on for a long time. Before, he was always suppressed by little Maoqi, but now, he finally succeeded in squeezing out little Maoqi and became the number one man in the Imperial Army. This made von Falkenhain very excited, and at the same time very grateful to Qin Tian for his help. Otherwise, where would he be today?

King William II nodded, and he really hoped that the situation of the battle would change because of this.

"Falkenhain, do you have any plans for the Western Front?" William II asked impatiently.

Eastern Front, after Qin Tian's report, William II was not worried at all. What he was most worried about was still the Western Front. If there is no breakthrough on the Western Front, Germany will not be able to win the war.

"Your Majesty, after more than a month of fighting, our army has tried its best on the Western Front. The troops are very exhausted, and the war supplies are almost exhausted. We need time to rest. Otherwise, , We are unable to launch a large-scale offensive." Falkenhain said.

William II nodded. Given the current situation of the German army on the Western Front, it is indeed impossible to launch a large-scale offensive. Launching an attack rashly is very likely to fail again. In that case, the consequences will be even more serious.

"So, when do you plan to launch the next attack?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, it is already September. After we finish our rest, the cold winter will come. We must prepare for the winter of our troops to avoid non-combat attrition due to the weather. In addition, launch an offensive in winter If it is not used, the loss of the troops will also be great. Therefore, we believe that the Western Front will launch an offensive again, at least until next spring." Von Falkenhain said.

"Next spring?" William II couldn't help but frowned. Although, he believes that von Falkenhain's analysis is still very reliable. However, there is still half a year before next spring. While this gave the Germans enough rest time, didn't it also give the enemy time to breathe? When Germany launched the war, France's military reforms were not completed, and neither was its mobilization. That's why Germany was able to win such a big victory on the battlefield. If the French are given another half a year, their mobilization will definitely be completed. At that time, the German army will have to face more enemies. In addition, the British will definitely seize this time and send more expeditionary forces to France. Even if the German army has completed its rest by then, will

it still be able to defeat the British and French allied forces? William II was very skeptical about this.

"Yes, Father. Regarding the issue of the Western Front, I have discussed it with the Chief of Staff, and we both agree that the Western Front should enter a defensive posture from now on. It will last until next spring. And in this For a while, the Eastern Front continued to maintain an offensive posture, trying to weaken Russia's strength as much as possible, and strive to defeat them! If it can really trigger civil strife in Russia, it would be great." Qin Tian said.

Defending from the west and attacking from the east is Germany's strategy for the next six months, which was decided by Qin Tian and von Falkenhain after discussion.

William II nodded: "However, Oscar, are you sure you will defeat the British and French allied forces in half a year? You know, the British and French allied forces in half a year's time will definitely be much stronger than they are now!"

"Father, I have already considered this point. Therefore, I hope that we can improve the combat effectiveness of the army as much as possible within half a year. This half year is also crucial to us. If we can realize our goal If it is planned, it will definitely not be a problem to defeat the British and French allied forces in the future." Qin Tian continued.

"Oh, how do you plan to enhance the combat effectiveness of the troops on the Western Front?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, His Majesty the Crown Prince suggested that the troops on the Western Front be reequipped on a large scale, at least in the shortest possible time, to enhance the semi-automatic rifles, sniper rifles, squad machine guns, general-purpose machine guns, grenades, mortars and The number of artillery of various calibers enhances the firepower of the troops. On the other

hand, each legion, imitating the 8th Legion, establishes an armored division to enhance the assault capability of the troops. The previous tanks and each legion were used to cooperate with infantry. It is too wasteful not to display its true power in combat. Now, with the experience of the 8th Armored Division, we can build more armored units to break the current pattern on the Western Front." Feng ? Falkenhain said.

The current Western Front has undoubtedly become a trench warfare. This kind of combat method of fighting consumption is not what Germany is willing to accept.

"However, that requires a large amount of funds. Our military expenditure is already very scarce." William II said. Since the start of the war, a large amount of war materials have been consumed, which has caused Germany's military expenditure to increase day by day.

"Father, I can advance to equip the army with these weapons. After the war is over, I will pay back." Qin Tian continued.

"Very well, let's do it!" William II nodded in satisfaction.

Chapter 303: Temporarily endure

After the outbreak of the war, Qin Tian's Deutsche Industrial Group was also greatly affected, especially the Deutsche Welfare Lottery Company. Except for the Allies and the United States, the business of other countries was forced to stop. Especially the Allied Powers, Qin Tian had long been prohibited from stealing the Allied Powers' wealth in this way.

Daimler Motor Company has also been greatly affected, and the production of cars has been compressed to a minimum. The rest of the production capacity is used to produce trucks and jeeps urgently needed by the army to ensure the army's needs in transporting materials and personnel.

Of course, Deutsche Shipyards, Deutsche Arms and Deutsche Aircraft Manufacturing have shown explosive growth. During the war, these military industries were originally the most profitable time.

For Qin Tian, who is as wealthy as his country, it is nothing at all to provide weapons, equipment and tanks to several legions on the western front. Even though, the money needs to be paid in advance by him temporarily. To Qin Tian, wealth was nothing more than a string of numbers. If he could use this wealth in exchange for the victory of the German Empire in this war, then he would definitely disperse his family property without hesitation.

Long before the war broke out, Qin Tian wanted to strengthen the army. But it's a pity that because of Xiao Maoqi's obstruction, he can only affect the 8th Army. Now, with Wilhelm II's preference, and von Falkenhain becoming the chief of the general staff, Qin Tian will naturally be able to infiltrate the army without any scruples, further enhancing his influence .

"Oscar, when will the Imperial Navy be able to defeat the British?" William II asked.

The strategy on land has been formulated, and William II's eyes have shifted to the sea. The German navy gained an advantage in the battle with the British navy, which made William II very satisfied, proving that he was right to support the development of the navy over the years.

"Father, the navy is still implementing the strategy of strangling Britain. The British sea transportation line in the Atlantic Ocean is about to be sunk by our fleet and submarines. However, the navy has noticed that many ships flying the American flag Merchant ships travel between Britain and the United States. You don't need to think about it. When the British are about to be strangled by us, they can only lower their heads and ask the Americans for

help. And the Americans have obviously decided to support the British.” Qin God said.

The United States will transfuse blood for Britain, which is not beyond Qin Tian's expectation. Germany had a huge advantage in this war. If the Allied Powers did not get support, it is very likely that the war would be lost. And the Americans, for their own benefit, are obviously unwilling to see Germany win and dominate the whole of Europe. However, the Americans don't want to go shirtless now, so they can only support Britain in this way and let them continue to confront Germany.

"Aren't Americans afraid to turn against us if they do this?" William II frowned.

"Father, when the entire European continent is in a mess and all countries are bleeding, the Americans naturally have nothing to fear. Their strong industrial strength and huge population base make them an important country. Whether it is whichever side you join can play a decisive role. Unless the European war ends and a hegemon really rises. Otherwise, the unscrupulousness of the Americans will never stop at all." Qin Tian said.

William II's complexion is not very good. This behavior of the Americans made him very angry. If it were him when he was young, he would have declared war on the Americans desperately, letting them know the consequences of provoking the German Empire. However, the current William II is different. He knows that under the current circumstances, Germany can no longer provoke a powerful enemy like the United States. Once the Americans are pushed to the side of the Allies, it will be very detrimental to Germany. Unless Germany can defeat the Allies in this war and become the hegemon of the European continent. At that time, they will have enough strength to confront the United States, or even suppress the United States.

It's just that, as the saying goes, bear a knife on the head. Knowing that the Americans are calculating him, but he can only endure it, this is undoubtedly very difficult for William II.

"Your Highness, is it possible that we let the Americans harm the interests of the empire so unscrupulously?" Von Falkenhain also said. He was also very angry at this shameless behavior of the Americans.

"At this stage, we really have nothing to do with the Americans. Although our army is number one in the world, it is impossible to attack the United States with the restraint of Britain, France, Russia and other countries. What's more, there is also the barrier of the Atlantic Ocean. Now stage, our task is still to defeat the Allied Powers. As long as we defeat the Allied Powers, then all problems can be resolved." Qin Tian said.

"Oscar, is there no other way?" William II asked.

"Father, unless our navy defeats the British navy next year. At that time, we will have a strong force to target the Americans. Even with a strong navy, we will directly and completely block the UK and prohibit ships from any other country from going to the UK. Britain is completely trapped to death, and this will definitely not be difficult." Qin Tian said.

"Is there going to be a decisive battle with the British navy next year? The navy will definitely win, right?" William II asked.

"Yes, Father. Next year, the Navy's 'Bavaria-class' battleships and 'Mackenson-class' battlecruisers will be in service. We will add eight capital ships equipped with 380mm main guns, which will make our navy more powerful. Great advantage. At that time, we will definitely be able to defeat the British." Qin Tian seemed very confident.

In the previous naval battles, the German Navy had already caused the British Navy to lose more than ten capital ships, and they were all new capital

ships of the British Navy. This has made the German Navy really overtake the British Navy. Even if the British Navy still has powerful "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships and "Revenge-class" battleships in service, the German Navy is not afraid at all. It can be said that once there is a decisive battle with the British Navy, the German Navy will inevitably win.

After all, Qin Tian still has too many cards in his hand. In addition to the main fleet, there are aircraft carriers and submarines. These weapons can all pose a deadly threat to the main fleet of the British Navy.

Combining these reasons, the strength of the German Navy is definitely the number one in the world, and it has surpassed the Royal Navy by a lot.

Chapter 304: Italian fighting power

"Father, how is our negotiation with the Italians going? When will the Italians fulfill their covenant and participate in the war?" Qin Tian asked.

The war broke out for more than a month, but the Italians have no intention of participating in the war at all, and are still neutral. In fact, Qin Tian knew very well that the Italians were looking for a price, and they wanted to get the best of both worlds between the Allied Powers and the Allied Powers.

Although Qin Tian knew that in another time and space, the Italians finally chose to betray the Allies and join the Allies to fight. However, Qin Tian didn't know whether the Italians would make the same choice in this time and space. After all, in this time and space, the Allies gained a greater advantage in the war. Among other things, the German navy alone caused heavy losses to the British navy in naval battles. This advantage is enough for the Italians to think about it.

Qin Tian naturally didn't have a good impression of the Italian kingdom at the two ends of the snake and mouse. He even wished that Italy would join the Allies. Although Italy is also one of the great powers, they rank low among the great powers in terms of industrial strength and military strength. Their

military strength is even worse. Whether it is the invasion of Ethiopia or the war with the Ottoman Turkish Empire, it can be clearly seen how incompetent the Italian army is. Therefore, Qin Tian was not worried that the Kingdom of Italy would join the Allies. If the Italians really dare to do that, after Germany wins the war, they can just take this opportunity to solve Italy, remove it from the powers, and become a second-rate country.

In the future, the continent of Europe will be dominated by Germany. Qin Tian does not want to share the hegemony of Europe with other countries, even with his own allies.

As soon as the Kingdom of Italy was mentioned, William II's face became even more ugly. Before the war broke out, Qin Tian had reminded Wilhelm II and the German cabinet to be careful of the Italians. Although, both William II and the German cabinet expressed that they would pay attention to the Italians. But in fact, they were not too worried. Germany and the Kingdom of Italy, after all, have been allied for many years.

However, what everyone did not expect was that after the outbreak of the war, the Italians really dared to stand still and refuse to fulfill their obligations under the treaty. The choice of the Italians undoubtedly annoyed William II and the German cabinet very much. However, due to the tense situation, they did not dare to persecute the Italians too much, for fear of forcing the Italians to join the camp of the Allied Powers.

"The Italians still haven't made a clear statement. They obviously want to get greater benefits." William II said.

Qin Tian nodded: "The Italians have always been like this. They can break any promises for their own benefit. From the very beginning, the empire cannot trust the Italians."

"It's too late to say anything now, Falkenhain, once the Italians join the Allied Powers to fight, can our allies resist their attack?" William II asked.

Originally, Germany was counting on Italy to fulfill the treaty and declare war on the Allies. If Italy can send a large army to cross the Alps and attack southern France, it will definitely win when the main force of the French army is dragged by the German army in northern France. At that time, under the attack of Germany and Italy, France may be defeated soon. However, now because of the attitude of the Italians, this strategy seems to be in vain again.

Qin Tian had no fantasies about the Italians from the beginning to the end. Especially the combat effectiveness of the Italian Army, which is notorious for pitting teammates. In World War II in another time and space, the Italians saw that Germany was about to defeat France, and they couldn't wait to send troops to attack southern France, wanting to grab a big piece of fat. As a result, the meat was not eaten, but was severely beaten by the French and suffered heavy losses. The French, who were beaten all over the place by the Germans, successfully defeated the Italians, who had an absolute superiority in troops, in southern France with inferior troops. It can be seen how bad the Italians' combat effectiveness is.

"Your Majesty, if Italy joins the Allied Powers, the Austro-Hungarian Empire will have to draw troops from the front to guard against the Italians. Otherwise, once the Italians invade the Austro-Hungarian Empire from the south, it will bring great harm to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A huge loss." Von Falkenhain said.

"Your Excellency Chief of Staff, there is no need to worry too much about the Italians. Even if they betray the alliance and join the Allied Powers, it is no big deal. The border between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy is mostly mountainous. The Austro-Hungarian Empire only needs a small number of troops, we will be able to hold the line of defense. When

necessary, we can send two or three infantry divisions into the Austro-Hungarian Empire to assist them in fighting. I guarantee that it will be absolutely impossible for the Italians to break through our line of defense." Qin Tian A look of confidence.

King Wilhelm II and von Falkenhain couldn't help but frowned. Of course they could tell that Qin Tian was very contemptuous of the Italians' fighting power. However, Italy is also one of the great powers! Weapons and equipment are considered relatively advanced in the world. Even if their combat effectiveness is not as good as that of Germany, it is not too far behind.

"Oscar, do you look down on the combat effectiveness of the Italian army?" William II asked.

"Yes, Father. I think the combat effectiveness of the Italian army is so bad that it can even be described as garbage. Look at when they invaded Ethiopia and their war with the Ottoman Turkish Empire a few years ago. We can clearly see this. Therefore, we don't need to worry too much about the Italians," Qin Tian said.

Wilhelm II and von Falkenhain couldn't help but nodded. Indeed, the previous performance of the Kingdom of Italy was really not in line with their status as one of the great powers.

"Of course, Father. If the Italians can fulfill the covenant and fight against the Allied Powers, it will be more or less beneficial to us. For example, the combination of the Italian Navy and the Austro-Hungarian Navy is enough to suppress the main force. The British Mediterranean Fleet returning home. In that case, we can cut off the British route in the Mediterranean. At the same time, we can also transport the oil from Cyrenaica back to Germany." Qin Tian said.

After the outbreak of the war, the crude oil reserves in Germany are being consumed rapidly and urgently need to be replenished.

"Okay, I will let the Ministry of Foreign Affairs contact the Italians again. This time, our attitude will be a little tougher." William II said.

Chapter 305: italian ambition

In Rome, the capital of Italy, although the war has broken out, it seems that it has not been affected at all. As a member of the Allies, the Kingdom of Italy remained neutral as Germany and Austria-Hungary fought to the death with the Entente. The citizens of the Kingdom of Italy seem to think that war is still very far away from them.

Some Italians were puzzled as to why they did not fulfill the covenant and declared war on the Allies, but most Italians still supported the cabinet's decision. For the Kingdom of Italy, joining the camp of the Allies at the beginning was just to seek support and obtain development. Now, they have to think carefully about letting the Kingdom of Italy participate in the life-and-death battle. After all, once the battle is defeated, the consequences may be quite serious.

The King of Italy, Vittorio Emanuele III, has always claimed to be a wise and powerful monarch, and he wants to restore the Kingdom of Italy to the glory of the ancient Roman Empire. Moreover, the Kingdom of Italy seems to have been working hard in this direction over the years. They worked hard to expand into the Balkans and North Africa. However, because of the weakening of the Ottoman Turkish Empire, the expansion of the Kingdom of Italy in North Africa was successful. However, its expansion in the Balkans encountered obstacles. The Austro-Hungarian Empire, also a member of the Allied Powers, is also expanding to the Balkan Peninsula, and they occupy a great advantage in the Balkan Peninsula, which hinders the expansion of the Kingdom of Italy.

During the ancient Roman period, the powerful Roman Empire ruled the entire Mediterranean. Let the entire Mediterranean Sea become the bathtub of the Roman Empire. And the current Kingdom of Italy is developing in this direction. But unfortunately, it is very difficult for them to achieve this goal.

This world war is regarded by the Italians as a good opportunity to achieve their goals. If this opportunity is missed, the Kingdom of Italy will have to wait until the Year of the Monkey if it wants to revive. Therefore, the Italians have always remained neutral in this war, in order to wait for the price and strive for the greatest benefit.

"Your Excellency, the current situation is becoming more and more confusing. How should the Kingdom of Italy choose in this war? We can't always remain neutral, right? In that case, we won't be able to share the dividends of future wars at all. What's more, the attitude of the Germans towards us is getting tougher, and they won't give us too much time to choose." Italian King Vittorio Emanuele III frowned tightly, looked worried.

"Your Majesty, the current situation is indeed very complicated. Germany still holds the upper hand in this war. However, the Allied Powers are not easy to bully. They are reversing the situation bit by bit. If we really want to wait until the battle situation is clear, it will take a long time," said Antonio Sarandra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Italy.

"Then which side are we going to fight?" Vittorio Emanuele III was a little distressed. This question has always troubled him. He hopes that the Kingdom of Italy can stand on the side of the victor in this war, and after the war is over, it can share the fruits of victory, instead of being slaughtered wantonly by the winner because it is on the wrong team. However, in such a responsible battle situation, it is undoubtedly very difficult to make a correct judgment.

"Your Majesty, the battle situation is still unclear. I am afraid we will have to wait for a while before we can make a choice that is beneficial to the Kingdom of Italy." Foreign Minister Paul Boselli said.

"Indeed, Your Majesty, it is best to wait for a while." The Minister of War also said.

"Judging from the current situation, the German Army won two big victories on the Eastern Front, and the Russians suffered heavy losses. This gave them a great advantage on the Eastern Front. However, Russia's mobilization is coming to an end. At that time, the Russians will send more troops to fight on the front line. It is hard to say whether the Germans can still resist. Besides, the performance of the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the Eastern Front is not very good. They were defeated by the Russians. He was beaten hard and lost a lot of troops. If the Russian army dispatched a group army to go north at many critical moments, it is estimated that the Austro-Hungarian Empire would not even be able to defend the Carpathian Mountains. Once the Russian army rushed into the Hungarian Plain Otherwise, the Austro-Hungarian Empire will be finished. In addition, the Austro-Hungarian Empire did not take much advantage on the southern front. They can't even defeat a small country like Serbia, which is really a loss to the face of a big country." The Italian Minister of War looked on of contempt.

"On the Western Front, the Germans still have an advantage. However, their advantage is being lost bit by bit. Especially in the Battle of the Marne, they failed to defeat the British and French allied forces in one fell swoop. The occupation of Paris made them lose their rapid The opportunity to defeat France. This also makes the Germans, who may be selected for a protracted war. Once they start fighting for consumption, the Germans are not the opponents of Britain and France." The Minister of War continued. It can be clearly heard from his words that he is very unfavorable to Germany.

"Don't forget, the German navy has an advantage in the Atlantic Ocean." Said the Minister of the Navy.

"Even if the German navy has the upper hand temporarily, so what? The background of the British navy is not comparable to that of the upstart German navy. The outcome of one or two naval battles cannot determine the outcome of the entire naval battle." It is too early to say who will win the future naval battle, the British or the Germans," the Secretary of State for War continued.

"Do you mean that we have a better chance of winning by joining the Allied Powers?" Vittorio Emanuele III said.

"Your Majesty, from the current point of view, the Allied Powers seem to have a better chance of winning. Of course, which side to join in the battle depends on which of them can give us more benefits and the further development of the war situation." Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra said.

The other ministers of the Kingdom of Italy nodded one after another, and they thought so too. It is too early to think that the Kingdom of Italy is making a choice now. In addition, the benefits given by various countries are not many, not enough for the Kingdom of Italy to make a decision now.

Vittorio Emanuele III seemed to agree with this statement: "Well, then let's delay for a while! Whether the glory of the Roman Empire can be restored depends on us this time!"

Chapter 306: Persecution (seeking monthly ticket)

At the end of September 1914, the German Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire were unable to express their views on the Kingdom of Italy. Whether they wanted to declare war on the Allied Powers became more and more impatient.

German Empire Foreign Minister von Kiedren Wachter and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Baron Leopold von Berchdor went to Rome, the capital of the Kingdom of Italy, to visit the Kingdom of Italy. Of course, its real purpose is to let the Kingdom of Italy join the Allies in fighting.

Of course, this time, they have been officially authorized by Kaiser Wilhelm II and Emperor Franz Joseph I of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and they can show a tough attitude in negotiations with the Italians. If the Italians really want to abandon the covenant, then they have to prepare for war with the Kingdom of Italy. However, if the Kingdom of Italy can fulfill the covenant, that would be the best.

The Kingdom of Italy attaches great importance to the joint visit of the foreign ministers of the German Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Although the Kingdom of Italy has not yet made a final decision on whether to join the Allied Powers, they obviously cannot completely offend the Allied Powers before making a final decision. In that case, it would be tantamount to actively blocking the back road, and losing the opportunity to have both sides. Even, when they are on the side of the Allied Powers, they will definitely not get any benefits. Unless the Kingdom of Italy really wanted to remain neutral in this war, they might have to join the Allies in the end. That is unacceptable for Italy. This means that their interests will be greatly lost.

It's just that what the Italians don't know is that neither the German Empire nor the Austro-Hungarian Empire will give them a choice anymore.

Italian Prime Minister Antonio Salandra held a banquet in the Prime Minister's Palace for the visiting foreign ministers of Germany and Austria-Hungary. The ministers of the Italian cabinet all attended this banquet. At the banquet, everyone was drinking and drinking, with smiles on their faces, full of laughter. From this point of view, the banquet this time was undoubtedly very successful. However, this seems to be just an appearance. In fact, both sides

have their own ghosts. On the Italian side, they tried their best to find out the bottom line of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but no matter whether it was von Kidren Wachter or Baron Leopold von Berchidor, he could be the Minister of Foreign Affairs. People like old foxes, how could it be easy for the Italians to figure out their bottom line? Therefore, the Italians can be regarded as a waste of work.

After the banquet, von Kidren Wachter and Baron Leopold von Berchidor returned to the hotel where they were staying and rested. But Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra and Italian Foreign Minister Paul Sedley couldn't fall asleep. They drank strong coffee to drive away sleepiness and discussed how to fool the Germans and the Austro-Hungarian Empire in tomorrow's talks.

"Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, I am afraid that the visitors this time are not good! If we don't make a clear statement, I am afraid that it will arouse the strong anger of the two countries. Your Excellency Prime Minister, what should we do this time?" Paul Said Leigh is a little worried.

Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra also looked a little unsightly. What the Kingdom of Italy wants to do is to take advantage of both sides and maximize its benefits. If they fall out with Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire now, then their long-term layout will be in vain.

"Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, what do they think? Aren't they afraid that they will push us to one side of the Allied Powers? Damn it, is it possible that they think they have the chance to win? But, in the current battle situation, they obviously You can't have an absolute advantage." Antonio Salandra was full of puzzlement.

Actually, this is entirely due to these Italians, who overestimated their abilities too much. They regarded themselves as an indispensable force in determining the outcome of this war, and believed that the Allies and Allies would try their best to win them over. Therefore, they can open their mouths,

make those unreasonable demands, and force the allies and allies to curry favor with them according to their intentions. In another time and space, in order to win over the Kingdom of Italy, the Allied Powers and the Entente Powers did accept their unreasonable conditions. It's just that the empty check issued by the Allied Powers is bigger and more attractive. Therefore, the Italians finally chose to betray the Allies and join the Allies to fight.

However, in this time and space, everything is different. Qin Tian, who is deeply aware that the Kingdom of Italy is nothing more than a strong outsider, will not give the Italians another chance to blackmail them. Whether the Italians join the Allied Powers will have little impact on the future of the war. Therefore, Qin Tian didn't care at all whether the Italians would betray the covenant and join the Allied Powers.

If the Kingdom of Italy has the strength of the United States, maybe Qin Tian will think about it. But alas, the Kingdom of Italy is not the United States. They have ambitions in vain, but they do not have the corresponding strength. Therefore, the final result is that the bamboo basket fetches water in vain.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, let's wait until tomorrow when Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire make specific requests, and then we will reply according to the situation. However, no matter what, we must delay as much as possible." Paul Sedley Said.

Antonio Salandra nodded, there is no other way. He always had a premonition that this time might be a difficulty for the Kingdom of Italy.

The next day, the official talks began, and the place was in the reception room of the Prime Minister's Palace. German Foreign Minister von Kiedren Wachter and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Leopold von Berchdor sat on one side, Italian Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra and Foreign Minister Paul Sedley side.

Except for the translators and recorders of both parties, there is no one else in the meeting room. The content of this meeting is also highly confidential.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The war has broken out for almost two months. However, the Kingdom of Italy has been making excuses and delaying participation in the war. Are you trying to break the covenant? Your Majesty the Emperor, I am very dissatisfied with this. We are here this time. Rome, I just hope that the Kingdom of Italy can give us a clear answer immediately." Von Kidren Wascht's attitude was very tough.

"Austro-Hungary also has the same attitude. We can't wait like this forever. Whether the Kingdom of Italy still wants to fulfill the covenant, we must give us an answer immediately!" Leopold von Berchdor also said.

Chapter 307: Leave no way out (ask for a monthly ticket)

Antonio Sarandra and Paul Sedley were stunned, completely unaware that the foreign ministers of Germany and Austria-Hungary would say such ruthless words when they opened their mouths. This made the two feel a little annoyed, but also a little frightened.

"Damn, what's going on, are they crazy? Aren't they afraid to push us into the arms of the Allied Powers?" Antonio Salandra roared in his heart. The German side and the Austro-Hungarian Empire really did not play their cards according to common sense. This seems to make their calculations all the time, and they will end in failure!

"Your Excellency, the two foreign ministers, the Kingdom of Italy is a member of the Allied Powers, but we have never thought of breaking the alliance." Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra said hastily.

No matter what, it cannot be admitted that Italy wants to betray the covenant. Not only will Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire regard

them as enemies, but it will also have a great adverse effect on the credibility of the Kingdom of Italy. Of course, the Kingdom of Italy has long since lost its credibility. But even if you want to bear such infamy, the prerequisite is to obtain huge benefits for it. Otherwise, wouldn't it be in vain?

"So, is the Kingdom of Italy planning to fulfill the covenant and declare war on the Allied Powers? If that's the case, it would be great." Von Kidren Wachter said.

"No, no. Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Kingdom of Italy is not ready yet. If we rashly join the war, it will be very detrimental to us." Antonio Salandra said.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, are you joking? It has been two months since the outbreak of the war, and the Kingdom of Italy is still not ready for war? What is the reason for this?" Leopold von Bergido, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Austro-Hungarian Empire Er said with some dissatisfaction. Germany and Austria-Hungary were fighting the Allies with heavy losses. As an ally, the Italians were actually lazy behind the scenes, which naturally made him very unhappy.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, this war broke out so suddenly that we were not prepared at all, and we were caught off guard. That's why we haven't been ready for war for a long time. Once we are ready, we will definitely immediately into the war," said Paul Sedley.

Paul Sedley's answer is obviously perfunctory. This point, whether it is von? Kidren? Wacht or Leopold? von? Berchdor are very clear. Of course they would not give such a chance to Austria-Hungary.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs. The patience of the Empire is limited. The recent performance of the Kingdom of Italy has exhausted the patience of the Empire. Therefore, the Empire

hopes that the Kingdom of Italy will give us an answer within three days. If the Kingdom of Italy fails to give us an answer within three days, then we will regard the Kingdom of Italy as perfunctory to us and attempt to betray the covenant. At that time, the Empire will directly regard the Kingdom of Italy as an enemy of the Empire." Von Ki Deren Wachter said.

"The attitude of the Austro-Hungarian Empire is also the same. You only have three days. Whether you will continue to be our ally or become our enemy depends on your own choice." Leopold von Berchdor also Said arrogantly.

Although everyone is a member of the Allied Powers, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy have considerable conflicts. The Kingdom of Italy has always coveted the Balkan Peninsula. However, the Austro-Hungarian Empire has been expanding to the Balkan Peninsula, and has achieved good results, which will naturally make the Kingdom of Italy very jealous.

Antonio Salandra and Paul Sedley were completely overwhelmed. They never expected that Germany and Austria-Hungary would actually give them a request similar to an ultimatum. Neither of them doubted at all whether the Germans were playing tricks to intimidate them. Obviously, if the Kingdom of Italy does not respond within three days, or does not fulfill the treaty, Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire will really declare war on Italy.

The attitudes of Germany and Austria-Hungary greatly exceeded the expectations of the Kingdom of Italy. At the same time, this made them very angry. They were so threatened by Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it is clear that they did not regard them as allies.

"Your Excellency, the two Foreign Ministers, is this the attitude of Germany and Austria-Hungary towards their allies?" Antonio Salandra looked angry.

"If the Kingdom of Italy is really our ally, of course we will treat it as an ally. But if the Kingdom of Italy really wants to be our ally, then we have to show the attitude of being an ally." Feng ? Kidren? Wacht's answer, full of gunpowder.

"Three days is too short, we simply can't reply in such a short time." Paul Sedley still tried to delay the time.

"Three days is enough! I think that if the Kingdom of Italy really wanted to fulfill the covenant, it would have made a decision long ago." Von Kidren Wachter said directly.

Antonio Salandra was silent for a while, and then said: "If the Kingdom of Italy fulfills the covenant, can our interests be satisfied?"

"If it is a legitimate interest request, we will consider it."

"The Kingdom of Italy needs the Austro-Hungarian Empire to cede Trieste, the entire Slovenia, and the Adriatic coastal area of Croatia to us! If Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire agree, the Kingdom of Italy will fulfill the covenant." Antonio Salan Della said. The Kingdom of Italy has long coveted the territory of the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the Balkan Peninsula.

"Impossible, this is absolutely impossible!" Leopold von Berchdor immediately objected.

It's just that Antonio Sarandra didn't even look at him, but stared at von Kidren Wachter. He knew very well that it was the Germans who really made the decision.

"Such a request is too much. The Austro-Hungarian Empire is also an ally of Germany, and it is impossible for us to damage the interests of our allies. If the Kingdom of Italy fulfills the covenant, then, after the victory of the war, the Kingdom of Italy will get its due share of benefits Yes," von Kiedren Wachter said.

A glimmer of hope flashed in Antonio Salandra's eyes, and von Kidren Wachter's answer was tantamount to directly rejecting the request of the Kingdom of Italy. If the Kingdom of Italy still wants to obtain those benefits, it will be impossible to fulfill the covenant.

Chapter 308: Allied powers

"It's too much bullying, it's too much bullying. How can the Germans treat us like this? Anyway, we have been allies with them for decades. How dare they treat us like this!" Italian King Vittorio Emma Nuelai III roared angrily in the palace.

The demands made by Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the Kingdom of Italy were completely unacceptable to King Vittorio Emanuele III, who even considered it a disgrace.

"Your Majesty, we absolutely cannot agree to the demands of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. They are clearly humiliating us!" The Minister of War also said.

The ministers of the other kingdoms almost all insulted Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire with one voice, and at the same time firmly opposed to accepting the demands of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

These people all believe that the legitimate interests of the Kingdom of Italy have not been met. At the same time, they all believed that Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire had obviously underestimated the strength of the Kingdom of Italy. In this case, there is no need to fulfill the so-called treaty anymore, just join the Allied Powers and start a siege of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

"If we join the war on the side of the Allies, will we be able to defeat Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire?" King Vittorio Emanuele III asked. Although, he is now in a rage. However, he has not lost his mind.

Knowing that this is a choice related to the future destiny of the Kingdom of Italy. If there is a slight difference, the final result will be unbearable.

"Your Majesty, if we join the Allied Powers, the Allied Powers will definitely be able to defeat Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The British and French coalition forces have gradually gained a firm foothold on the Western Front. The German plan to quickly destroy France has gone bankrupt. Next, they They will have to face endless counterattacks from the British and French allied forces. Although the Germans have an advantage on the Eastern Front, once Russia's general mobilization is completed, they will face attacks from millions of Russian troops. At that time, the Germans will still be It will be exhausting, and it is very possible to be defeated. As for the Austro-Hungarian Empire, they have not been able to win on the southern or eastern fronts. If it were not for the support of the Germans, they would have been defeated long ago. .If we join the war and invest the main force to cross the Alps and attack the Austro-Hungarian Empire, we will definitely be able to defeat the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After the Austro-Hungarian Empire is defeated, we can join forces with Britain, France and Russia to besiege Germany. At that time , Germany will definitely be defeated!" The Minister of War said excitedly, as if he had seen the moment when the army of the Kingdom of Italy entered Berlin.

The other cabinet ministers of the Kingdom of Italy also seemed to be attracted, and kept nodding one by one, as if they really had the chance to win.

"Prime Minister, what's your opinion?" Vittorio Emanuele III looked at Prime Minister Antonio Salandra.

"Your Majesty, the attitude of the Germans and the Austro-Hungarian Empire is very clear now. They refuse to cede those territories in the Balkan Peninsula to us. Therefore, we have only one choice if we want to obtain

those territories, and that is to join the Allied Powers. However, We also have to find a way to get the maximum benefits from the Allied Powers." Antonio Salandra said.

King Vittorio Emanuele III nodded: "Well, the prime minister will be fully responsible for the negotiations with the Allied Powers. This time, we will let the whole world know that the revival of the Kingdom of Italy is impossible. Blocked. Let Germany and Austria-Hungary pay for their actions!"

Vittorio Emanuele III felt deeply insulted. Therefore, he couldn't wait to wash away that shame. Only by defeating Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire and making them lose in this war can they truly wash away this shame.

"Yes, Your Majesty." The ministers of the Kingdom of Italy replied one after another. Everyone is full of spirits, as if they really have a complete grasp of the future war.

Britain and France, as the main members of the Allied Powers. In this war, they also endured tremendous pressure. Especially in the early days of the war, Germany caused them great losses, making them worry all the time that they would lose the war. Therefore, finding a way to win over other countries to deal with Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire together has become their best choice.

The primary target of Britain and France is undoubtedly the Kingdom of Italy, a member of the Allied Powers. Although the Kingdom of Italy is a member of the Allied Powers, both Britain and France believe that with the sloppy style of the Kingdom of Italy and the conflicts between them and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, as long as Britain and France can give them enough benefits, the Kingdom of Italy He will definitely betray the Allies and join the war on the side of the Allies. If the Kingdom of Italy can be successfully persuaded, this will truly form a comprehensive encirclement of

Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, giving them an absolute advantage in the war. It is definitely not a delusion to reverse the unfavorable situation in front of you.

On the second day after the German Foreign Minister and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister arrived in Italy, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Gray and the French Foreign Minister Theophile Delcasse secretly arrived in Rome. They did not know that the German Foreign Minister and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister would come to Rome, it was purely by chance. However, after learning of this situation, they couldn't help but feel even more fortunate, for fear that they would be late, and the Kingdom of Italy would be persuaded by Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire to continue to fulfill the covenant. In that case, it would be a serious blow to the Allies. Especially France, which has suffered heavy losses, can no longer afford Italy to attack them from the south.

That night, Italian Prime Minister Antonio Sarandra and Foreign Minister Paul Sedley met with British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Gray and French Foreign Minister Théophile Delcasse in a secret estate outside Rome , had secret talks.

"Your Excellency, on behalf of the British Empire and the French Republic, I sincerely invite the Kingdom of Italy to join the Allied Powers in a war against the Allied Powers. In this war, the Allied Powers will undoubtedly represent the righteous side." Sir Edward Gray said.

However, Antonio Salandra did not express his position. In this war, where is there any righteous and evil side? It is basically a war between the great powers for their own interests.

"If the Kingdom of Italy is willing to join the Allied Powers, after the war is over, we guarantee that the Kingdom of Italy will benefit greatly." Theophile Del Case also said.

Chapter 309: Betrayal

"The Kingdom of Italy actually does not want to be involved in this war. We are a peace-loving country. Therefore, this is why we are a member of the Allied Powers, but we did not fulfill the covenant when the war broke out. said Antonio Sarandra.

"Peace-loving country?" Sir Edward Gray and Theophile Delcase both sneered. This is just a step that the Italians are looking for for their sloppy style. In fact, everyone knows what kind of plans the Italians have.

"Your Excellency, the British Empire and the French Republic are also peace-loving countries. We are all forced to be involved in this war. However, the war has already begun, and it is useless to say that. Our only What can be done is to defeat the evil enemy and strive for an early end to the war. This is the most important thing right now. We sincerely invite the Kingdom of Italy to join our camp." Sir Edward Gray once again issued an invitation.

Antonio Sarandra seemed to have sensed the sincerity of the British and the French, and his tone that had been resolute was a little looser, which made both Sir Edward Gray and Theophile Del Casse very upset. For uplifting.

"Two, the Kingdom of Italy is not ready for war. Our army has not been mobilized yet, and it lacks all kinds of weapons and equipment. At the same time, military expenditure is also seriously lacking." Antonio Salandra continued.

Sir Edward Gray and Theophile Delcase both knew that this was an opportunity for the Italians to raise conditions.

"Your Excellency, the French Republic can provide the Kingdom of Italy with a batch of equipment, enough for you to arm 200,000 people." Théophile Delcase said. Although France's weapons and equipment were once tight, if the Italians can be drawn into their camp, it is completely worth paying for these weapons and equipment.

"The British Empire can also provide the Kingdom of Italy with enough weapons and equipment to arm 200,000 people." Sir Edward Gray also said.

Antonio Salandra nodded in satisfaction. The weapons and equipment provided by Britain and France can save them a lot of money.

Regarding military spending, it is also not a problem for Britain and France. Although, because of the war, their government has begun to borrow a lot of money. But both countries are already much wealthier than Italy. Both Sir Edward Gray and Theophile Delcasse stated that if the Kingdom of Italy was willing to join the Allies in fighting, they would each provide the Kingdom of Italy with an interest-free loan of 100 million pounds. This is already a large amount of money for the Kingdom of Italy, and it also makes Antonio Salandra very satisfied.

In the end, Antonio Salandra raised the issue of the distribution of post-war interests, which is the most concerned issue of the Kingdom of Italy.

Antonio Salandra said that after the war, the Kingdom of Italy hoped to obtain the coastal areas of the Adriatic Sea of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the Balkan Peninsula.

On this issue, the British and the French are much more generous than Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Of course, this was not their territory in the first place. This kind of generosity to others is undoubtedly their favorite thing to do. Anyway, it is harming the interests of others and seeking benefits for them. For the Italians' request, Britain and France fully agreed.

Britain and France not only clearly promised Italy that Trieste, Fiume, Istria and Dalmatia could be acquired, but also gave Italy the Dodecanese Islands, which are mainly populated by Greeks. It was also agreed that Italy could expand its African colonies after the war and could participate in the partition of Turkey's territory.

This decision of Britain and France made Antonio Salandra very satisfied. If the final victor of the war is really the Allied Powers, then the Kingdom of Italy will gain huge benefits in this war. Even, this is not far from their goal of revitalizing the Roman Empire and turning the Mediterranean Sea into their inner lake.

"You two, I already know your sincerity. I will report to His Majesty the King immediately. I can give you an answer tomorrow at the latest. However, I think His Majesty the King will definitely not reject the friendship between your two countries." Antonio Salandra said with a smile on his face.

Sir Edward Gray and Theophile Delcasse were also very happy. They did not expect that everything would go so smoothly. The Italians agreed to join their camp so easily. This is really surprising. To their surprise.

Although, the Kingdom of Italy also made some demands. However, for Britain and France, which are eager to reverse the situation and win the war, such a request is nothing at all. As long as the final victory can be obtained, these are not problems.

After the meeting ended, Antonio Salandra and Paul Sedley rushed to the palace immediately to report the good news to Vittorio Emanuele III. Although, it's too late now. However, Vittorio Emanuele III is still waiting for news of their talks. Before he got the exact news, he might not even be able to sleep soundly.

"Your Majesty, the British and the French are very sincere. As long as we join the Allies, they are willing to provide us with weapons and equipment capable of arming 200,000 troops, and at the same time, each provide us with an interest-free loan of 100 million pounds. Most importantly, they promised us not only Trieste, Fiume, Istria and Dalmatia, but perhaps the Dodecanese islands, which are mostly Greek inhabited. They even agreed that we can

expand its African colonies after the war and participate in the partition of Turkey's territory." Antonio Sarandra smiled.

"Haha, good, it's really great! I have already felt the sincerity of Britain and France." King Vittorio Emanuele III laughed, as if he had received some promise from Britain and France. Same. They seem to have forgotten what price they would have to pay if the Kingdom of Italy lost the war.

"Your Majesty, shall we agree to the request of Britain and France and join the Allies to fight?" Paul Sedley asked.

"Of course, since Britain and France are so sincere, for the benefit of the Kingdom of Italy, I have decided to join the Allied Powers to fight!" King Vittorio Emanuele III made the final decision.

Chapter 310: italian choice

"Both, I'm sorry, after our deliberation, we still decided to remain neutral." Antonio Salandra said to von Kidren Wascht and Leopold von Baron Belcidore said.

After deciding to join the Allied Powers to fight, Italy no longer wanted to play tricks with Germany and Austria, so as not to waste time.

The faces of von Kidren Wachter and Baron Leopold von Berchdor suddenly became very ugly. Although, before that, they also expected that in the face of the oppression of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Kingdom of Italy might make such a choice. However, they did not expect that they would actually dare to do this in such a short period of time.

"Damn it, the Italians are crazy. They dare to reject the request of the empire. Could it be that they really want to be enemies of the empire?" Von Kidren Waschter thought angrily.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, is this the final decision of the Kingdom of Italy? For the sake of our allies for so many years, I advise your country to

think about it carefully. Once such a decision is made, your country should know what it means." Von Kidren Wachter said with a cold face.

"Of course, of course we know what this means. However, your two countries are pressing against the Kingdom of Italy, and there is nothing we can do about it." Antonio Salandra looked innocent, just like the Kingdom of Italy. The reason for making such a choice is that the culprit is exactly the same as Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

"Well, since the Kingdom of Italy has already made its own choice. Then, it is useless for us to say more. I hope that the Kingdom of Italy will not regret today's choice in the future!" Von Kidren Wachter. His eyes were cold. He knew that after today, this former ally would become their enemy and the target they wanted to defeat.

"Hmph! The Kingdom of Italy will definitely pay the price for today's choice." Baron Leopold von Berchidor looked angry. The betrayal of the Kingdom of Italy undoubtedly posed the most direct threat to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This also forced the Austro-Hungarian Empire to deploy its military forces on the southern front. Otherwise, once the Kingdom of Italy launches an attack, the Austro-Hungarian Empire will be in a dangerous situation of being attacked from both sides.

"The Kingdom of Italy will never regret it. Because we will be victors!" Antonio Salandra looked confident, as if they really had the chance to win.

The meeting broke up this time. Von Kidren Wascht and Baron Leopold von Berchidor did not waste any more time in Rome. They had to rush back to the country immediately and convey the news that the Kingdom of Italy planned to betray the Allies to the country. The report also allows the country to prepare early so as not to be caught off guard.

However, when von Kidren Wascht and Baron Leopold von Berchdor had just sent the news back to the country through secret channels, the Kingdom of Italy was already in Rome, and it was formally united with Britain and France. countries signed the treaty.

The treaty stipulated that the Kingdom of Italy abolished the "Triple Alliance Treaty" and joined the war on the side of the Allied Powers. Within a month of the signing of the treaty, the Kingdom of Italy declared war on Germany and Austria-Hungary, and sent the main force of its army to attack Austria-Hungary. Britain and France will also provide weapons and equipment and interest-free loans to the Kingdom of Italy within the city. Moreover, in the treaty, there are also clear provisions on the benefits that the Kingdom of Italy deserves after the war.

The Kingdom of Italy betrayed its promise, betrayed the treaty, and joined the Allied Powers to fight. This undoubtedly caused an uproar for the whole world. Originally, in this war, because of Germany's good performance, the Allies seemed to have an advantage in this war. However, the betrayal of the Kingdom of Italy will wipe out the advantages of the Allies, and even put them at a disadvantage. Such a sudden change undoubtedly made the outcome of this war even more confusing.

Of course, Britain, France and Russia were all greatly relieved. Germany's performance was so vigorous that they all worried whether they could defeat Germany in this battle. But now with the support of the Kingdom of Italy, their chances of winning have undoubtedly increased by several points.

As for Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, of course they were furious about this.

Kaiser Wilhelm II was in the office, cursing the Kingdom of Italy as a despicable and shameless villain. You know, Germany, Austria and Italy have

been in an alliance for many years. Now, for their own benefit, they blatantly betrayed the German Empire. This kind of villainous behavior made William II very angry.

"Everyone, the Italians have betrayed us, signed a treaty with Britain and France, and will join the Allies to fight. This is undoubtedly very bad news for us. How should we respond to this?" William II asked. He was very worried that the Allies now had an advantage in the war. But after the Italians turned against the water, this made their advantage have been lost, and they were even at a disadvantage. William II didn't want to be a loser in this war. Once the German Empire lost the war, it would really be a complete defeat.

"Your Majesty, the Austro-Hungarian Empire must mobilize its troops in advance and deploy its troops in the south to guard against Italian attacks. If the Italians cross the Alps and invade the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the consequences will be very serious." Von Falken Hein said.

William II nodded: "But in this case, the strength of the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the Eastern Front will inevitably be weakened. It seems that we have to hurry up to help the Austro-Hungarian Empire and defeat Russia."

"Oscar, what do you think about this?" Kaiser Wilhelm II asked.

"Father, I don't think there is anything to worry about. Because the fighting power of the Italians is really terrible. Their joining the Allied Powers will not bring any benefits to the Allied Powers, but will become a drag on the Allied Powers. If the Kingdom of Italy joins the Allied Powers to fight, we may need to use 80 divisions to protect them. But if Italy joins the Allied Powers to fight, we only need to use 40 divisions to completely defeat them!" Qin Tianyi face with a confident smile.

Wilhelm II and the senior military and political officials of the German Empire were taken aback for a moment, and then burst out laughing. Although

they might feel that what Qin Tian said was exaggerated, they were much less worried about the Kingdom of Italy.