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Chapter 371: Compromise

On December 23, Christmas Eve, Ulyanov once again held a meeting of the Supreme Council in the Winter Palace. There was only one topic of the meeting, and that was how to deal with the German military threat.

"Comrades, according to the latest information we have obtained, the Germans have dispatched two legions and have already marched to the border. It seems that they will soon cross the border and attack us. If we don't agree to their conditions, their The army will attack us directly. Although the two German legions only have more than 300,000 people. However, everyone must not forget that on the Eastern Front, the Germans only relied on less than 200,000 people. The army wiped out nearly two million Russian troops! So, once the Germans launch an attack, what can we do to resist? We can't resist at all! Therefore, we have no choice but to accept the Germans' demands "" Joseph said sadly.

"Hmph! It's winter now. Even if the Germans want to attack, they won't do so at this time. They're just trying to intimidate us." Trotsky said blankly.

"Comrade Trotsky, there is a great possibility that the Germans are intimidating us. But what if the Germans are not intimidating, but come for real? Then what should we do? With our army, Can it withstand the German attack?" Joseph asked.

Suddenly, Trotsky said nothing, although he believed that the German army was only threatening them with force. However, he wasn't entirely sure. Therefore, facing Joseph's question, he didn't know how to answer it at all. He couldn't just say against his conscience that even if the German army launched an attack, they would be able to withstand the German army's attack, right? That is the number one German army in the world! There is no army in the world that is confident in resisting their attack.

"Comrade Joseph, what kind of benefits have you received to help the Germans speak like this?" Kamenev sneered.

"Comrade Kamenev, you are slander! Naked slander. I am a loyal member of the Bolshevik Party. Everything I do is for the benefit of our party. I just don't want to watch our The party, the success that has been achieved with great difficulty, is just ruined like this." Joseph looked noble.

Kamenev wanted to refute, but was stopped by Ulyanov.

"Okay, everyone shut up! We are discussing how to solve the problem now, not attacking people." Ulyanov said with a cold face.

The others immediately shut up and said nothing more. In any case, no one can compare with Ulyanov's status in the cloth party. Few would object to his words.

"Everyone, the current situation is indeed more dangerous. I also hope that the Germans are just threatening us. However, no one is sure whether this is just a threat or a precursor to the Germans launching an attack. If there is no We may be able to take a gamble on those opposing troops. Even if we lose the bet, it is no big deal. But, unfortunately, what we are facing now can be described as internal and external troubles. A country as powerful as Germany, when It is much better to be our friend than our enemy. Even this friend does not seem to be for long. But for our party, and for our hard-won victory, we cannot take risks lightly." Uri Yanov said.

Many people were convinced by Ulyanov's point of view and nodded repeatedly. However, there are still many people who no longer buy it.

"Okay, I've said everything I need to say. Then, let's vote!" Ulyanov said.

It is obvious that such a major matter is not decided by him alone, and it still needs to be judged by the opinions expressed by everyone. It's just that, as a leader, Ulyanov's opinion is the most important.

Next, the Supreme Council began to vote. Now, there are 13 members in the Supreme Council of the Burundi Party. However, in the end, there were only five people who supported Ulyanov, and there were eight people who opposed it.

"Comrades, is this your choice? Do you want to see our revolution fail? Now, because we are weak, we have to compromise. Once we are strong, we will no longer be afraid of the Germans. We can tear up the treaty at any time. In the end, the world still relies on fists to speak. Whoever has a big fist can grasp the truth. Even if we want to spread the revolution to the whole world and rescue hundreds of millions of poor people who are exploited, Without strong military strength, nothing can be done!" Ulyanov said sadly.

The next day, the Supreme Council of the Burundi Party held a vote again, and Ulyanov was still talking about it. However, this time the voting result was 6 to 7, and there were still one more people who opposed it than those who agreed.

Comrade Ulyanov, completely speechless. He never expected that with his position in the party, such a situation would happen. Shouldn't it be because of his appearance that others immediately followed his advice? As a result, he has been persuading him for so long, why are those guys still unclear about the situation? This made Ulyanov very angry. At the same time, there was a little more vigilance in my heart.

"It seems that I have been completely deceived by these guys during this time. I thought that they would listen to me. But I didn't expect that those guys were just perfunctory. After this crisis is over, I must Get rid of these guys!" Ulyanov secretly made up his mind.

Once again, the vote failed, which made Ulyanov feel very bad.

"Comrade Trotsky, please come to my office!" Ulyanov said.

"Yes, leader." Trotsky nodded.

When Trotsky arrived at Ulyanov's office, what appeared in front of him was Ulyanov with a blackened face.

"Comrade Trotsky, don't you agree with our compromise with the Germans?" Ulyanov asked.

"Yes, leader. I always thought that the Germans were just intimidating us by force!" Trotsky said.

"If the Germans really want to do something, what should we do? Should we just watch our revolution fail?" Ulyanov asked.

Trotsky was suddenly speechless.

"Comrade Trotsky, everything we do is for the victory of our revolution! It is understandable to pay some price now for the sake of victory in the future." Ulyanov began earnestly persuasion.

Chapter 372: Treaty of Brest

"Leader, we can find a way to resume negotiations with the Germans. If the German army really crosses the border and attacks us, I will support the leader's opinion." Trotsky thought for a long time, and then said.

As one of the leaders of the Burundi Party, he is unwilling to see the revolution of the Burundi Party ultimately fail. In that case, it will not do him any good. Therefore, he is not willing to really go to that step.

Ulyanov nodded, feeling relieved. It was undoubtedly not easy for Trotsky to make such a change. Fortunately, Trotsky still made a change.

"Okay, Comrade Trotsky. You have to know that everything we do is for our party and our revolution. Only when our revolution succeeds will our struggle be worthwhile!" Ulyanov said.

"Yes, leader!" Trotsky nodded.

The next day, the Russian cloth party took the initiative to release goodwill to the German side and proposed to resume peace talks. And said that the Burundian Party agreed in principle to most of the terms proposed by Germany. However, some specific terms need further negotiation.

Germany didn't want the negotiations to break down. The Russian cloth party did so, just in line with their wishes.

"His Royal Highness, it seems that the Russians are really frightened. This time, we can easily obtain the benefits we want." Von Kidren Wacht smiled, and the original worry has long since disappeared. The smoke cleared. It never occurred to him that what Qin Tian said was true. It is unbelievable that the Russians would agree to such harsh conditions they put forward.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, this time it's up to you. Whether we can get the maximum benefit for us depends on the negotiation with the Russians." Qin Tian smiled. The Russian finally relented, which made his heart that had been hanging on him finally return to his stomach. Before, he was also worried that if the Russians refused to submit, what would happen to him? At that time, his prestige as the crown prince of the empire may be greatly reduced.

"Don't worry, Your Highness. I will definitely complete my mission this time." Von Kidren Wachter assured, patting his chest.

Under the circumstances that Qin Tian created such good conditions for him, if he has not been able to succeed, then he is too incompetent.

On January 8, 1915, representatives of the German and Russian Bundeliga parties held negotiations again in Brest. In order to show goodwill, Russia agreed to Germany's previous conditions for abandoning the three Baltic states. However, for other conditions, they no longer let go.

"Your Excellency, it is also to express our sincerity. We are willing to give up half of Belarus. The territories east of the Berezina River and the Dnieper River can continue to be controlled by you. In addition, you only need to pay 10 billion marks for war reparations That's it. Your Excellency, Commissioner, this is already our bottom line. If your party doesn't even agree to this condition, then I have nothing to do." Von Kidren Wachter said. Now that they have fully grasped the initiative, he certainly won't back down at will.

"This... Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, your request is still too harsh." Trotsky still wanted to strive for more relaxed conditions. It's just that von Kidren Wacht is unwilling to back down no matter what.

Because the gap between the requirements of the two parties is so great that this time the negotiations inevitably reached a deadlock again.

When Qin Tian learned of this situation, he immediately issued an order to the 8th Army and the 9th Army, asking them to cross the actual control line and penetrate into Russia's territory. If you encounter resistance, you can fight back.

Qin Tian's order was well implemented by the 8th Army and the 9th Army. More than 300,000 troops of the two legions crossed the actual control line and began to march towards Russian territory.

Although, they did not enter the territory of Russia much. However, for the Russian cloth party, it undoubtedly once again showed a very clear signal. That is, if the negotiations continue to stall, they will actually launch an offensive.

In view of this situation, Ulyanov once again held an emergency meeting. "Comrades, the German army has crossed the line of actual control between the two sides and has begun to attack our hinterland. If they are not stopped,

they will probably push all the way to St. Petersburg!" Ulyanov said with a look on his face. anger.

"Leader, the conditions of the Germans are too harsh, do we really want to agree?" Kamenev was a little unwilling.

"Temporarily ceding some territory to Germany is better than us being wiped out by them! Later, when we grow stronger, we can take back those territories at any time." Joseph said on the side.

"Yes! Now that Germany is powerful, we can only temporarily compromise." Some other committee members also expressed their opinions. Everyone was frightened by the German advance.

Subsequently, Ulyanov launched another round of voting. In this vote, eight of the thirteen people voted for it. Among them, Trotsky, who was unable to return from Brest, was included. Of course, his vote was cast by someone else.

"Very good, comrades. I am very happy that everyone can reach an agreement. I believe that although we have many difficulties ahead, we will definitely be able to overcome them and win the final victory!" Ulyanov said with a smile on his face. Said. Of course, he was still brooding over the five negative votes in his heart. However, now is not the time to talk about this.

The next day, on January 18, 1915, Trotsky signed his name on the Brest Treaty on behalf of the Russian Bunker Party. It can be said that the Russian Bundesliga has fully accepted Germany's conditions.

Germany won the three Baltic states, plus Poland and half of Belarus, without breaking a sweat. Ukraine and Finland will become independent with the support of Germany. Of course, how these two countries become independent and what kind of political system they will have in the future still needs to be carefully considered. But in any case, Russia has lost these

places forever. In terms of war reparations, the Budapest Party will pay Germany 10 billion marks worth of gold or other jewelry within the next six months. Of course, these things originally belonged to the Tsar's wealth, and the cloth party got it in Russia. Now, part of it has belonged to Germany. This made the cloth party very unwilling, but there was no other way.

Chapter 373: Landing plan (seeking monthly pass)

After Germany and Russia signed the "Brest Treaty", William II was very satisfied. He also never thought that he could actually get the Russians to sign such a harsh treaty. You know, after losing these territories, Russia is equivalent to losing the most essence of the country. This will make Russia's strength drop by another level. As for Germany, if it can digest this part of Russia's territory, its national strength will be greatly increased. These will become the capital for Germany to dominate Europe and the entire world.

Germany has the most powerful industrial strength and the strongest military strength in the world. In terms of technology, it is even ahead of the world. The only thing restricting the development of Germany is undoubtedly Germany's resources. Except for coal, Germany itself lacked almost all resources. This makes Germany strong, but if it falls into a protracted war, it will soon be dragged to death. If the resource problem can be solved, this will bring Germany's national strength to another level.

"Oscar, very good, very good!" William II applauded. He is very satisfied with the complete success of Qin Tian's strategy toward Russia. Although, at first, he still had some doubts about handing over all the power to fight against Russia to Qin Tian. On the one hand, Qin Tian is too young. On the other hand, compared to the mighty Russia, Qin Tian's strength is really too weak. But precisely because of this, Qin Tian still won the victory, which naturally made William II feel incredible. At the same time, this also made William II more optimistic about Qin Tian's talent. He felt more and more that it was an extremely wise decision to make Qin Tian the crown prince of the empire.

Otherwise, the German Empire would never have achieved such great achievements in this war.

Indeed, William II's evaluation of Qin Tian has become very high. He knew very well how much the entire empire had changed under Qin Tian's influence. Under the leadership of Qin Tian, the Imperial Navy surpassed the British Royal Navy in strength, allowing them to gain an advantage in this decisive battle at sea. It is not impossible to defeat the British Navy in the future and achieve the final victory in naval battles. The strength of the Imperial Army has been greatly improved due to the new weapons developed by Qin Tian's arms company. Although, because of strategic issues, the German army did not make a breakthrough on the Western Front. But William II believes that in this spring, they will be able to make a breakthrough.

What satisfied William II the most was undoubtedly Qin Tian's series of actions against Russia. He was not optimistic before, but he did not expect such a big success this time. Let them directly destroy an extremely powerful opponent in the war. You must know that Russia's strength is among the great powers, although it is not the top. But their huge army is undoubtedly a headache. Now, Russia, a hostile country, has been directly brought down, which makes the German Empire lose a major enemy all of a sudden. In this war, their advantage is naturally even greater.

William II became more confident about future wars. He believes that Russia's victory in the next war is almost a certainty.

This made William II smug, and he couldn't wait to become the emperor of all Europe.

"Father, this is what I should do. All of this was realized under Father's wise leadership. If Father hadn't laid the foundation for me long ago, I would not have succeeded!" For these achievements, Qin Tian is not proud at all. After

all, these credits don't have much effect at all. If William II's suspicion and dissatisfaction are aroused because of the high merits, it will be truly fatal.

"Well, everyone. Now that Russia has collapsed, we have gained so many benefits from Russia. Next, our focus should be on the Western Front. This year, we must win on the Western Front. End the war this year, if possible!" William II said.

If the war can end within a year and a half, it will not have much impact on Germany. If the time is too long, even if Germany finally wins the war, its economy and national strength will be greatly affected. At that time, it will take a long time to recover. This is undoubtedly extremely unfavorable for Germany.

"Yes, Father. Our goal this year is to win on the Western Front. At least France must be defeated. If the British can surrender after France is defeated, the war may end within this year. If the British choose to hold back, then we may have to land in England." Qin Tian said.

"Landing in England?" William II couldn't help frowning. One of the main reasons why the United Kingdom can become a maritime hegemon is because they are isolated overseas and do not border the European continent. This also makes the United Kingdom only need to strengthen the development of the navy to ensure the interests and security of the country. Other powerful countries in Europe have to spend huge sums of money on the construction of the army, because there are many powerful countries on the European continent, without a strong army, it is impossible to guarantee the security of the country.

As for the powerful countries on the European continent, if they want to threaten the security of the United Kingdom, they must defeat the powerful Royal Navy. There is hardly any country that can maintain a strong army while also possessing a navy that surpasses the Royal Navy. If it weren't for the

existence of Qin Tian, a heaven-defying bug, Germany would not be able to do this.

It is precisely because of this that Britain has been able to face countless threats and survive them safely. Neither the Spaniards nor the Dutch, nor the later Napoleon the Great, nor Hitler in another time and space, were able to finally defeat Britain.

"Yes, Father. If the British are still unwilling to surrender in the end, in order to win the final victory, we have to launch a landing operation against the United Kingdom and defeat them in one fell swoop!" Qin Tian said.

"If we land in England and fight, can we win?" William II asked.

"Of course, father. If the imperial navy can defeat the British navy, do you think that the British pocket army can be the opponent of the imperial army?" Qin Tian asked back.

"Haha! The British will never be our opponents." William II immediately laughed.

Chapter 374: Discontent of Austria-Hungary

Landing in Britain to fight and completely defeating Britain is not a big problem for the current German Empire. After all, in addition to the strength of the British navy, the strength of the army is undoubtedly much worse. Once the British Navy is resolved, the British Army will undoubtedly be easily defeated by Germany.

As long as the German Navy controls the North Sea and the English Channel, it will undoubtedly be able to easily send the German Army to the British mainland. Of course, landing operations will cause a lot of casualties. However, if there is war, there will inevitably be casualties. As long as Britain can be destroyed, no matter how heavy the casualties are, it is undoubtedly acceptable.

If you can defeat the United Kingdom and become the first monarch in European history to conquer the United Kingdom with the army, this will undoubtedly be remembered in history. Therefore, William II is still very interested in this. He is an extremely proud and conceited man, and a man who hopes to build something.

"Your Majesty, Your Excellency the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs are present."

"Well, let them in!" William II nodded.

Qin Tian also stopped talking. He knew that there must be something going on when the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister met William II together.

"See Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness the Crown Prince!" After Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow and Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter entered the office, they immediately saluted William II and Qin Tian.

"Please sit down, Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Foreign Minister!" William II said with a smile. The current him, perhaps because he thinks that the war is already a sure thing, is in a very good mood.

"Your Majesty, we signed an armistice treaty with the Russians, which made our allies a little dissatisfied. The ambassador of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to the Empire just left from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On behalf of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, he expressed great indignation and believed that By doing this, the Reich disregarded the interests of Austria-Hungary," said Foreign Minister von Kiedren Waschter.

William II frowned suddenly. Before, they only cared about fighting for the interests of Germany, and they didn't seem to think of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at all. Only now did they realize that they had indeed ignored the feelings of the Austro-Hungarian Empire a little too much. However, from the

standpoint of the German Empire, William II did not think there was anything wrong with his actions. Of course, in order to maintain the unity of the alliance when the war is not over, one should indeed consider the feelings of allies. After all, in the war, the Austro-Hungarian Empire still needs to contain some enemies for Germany.

"What do you think we should do?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, in view of the situation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, can we consider transferring part of our interests to them? In this case, we can also maintain our ally relationship." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

Giving out the benefits obtained, this naturally made William II feel a little bit reluctant. However, for the sake of the overall situation, he decided to generously give part of the benefits to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and let the Austro-Hungarian Empire and other countries know that following Germany will undoubtedly be popular and hot. In this way, more people will follow Germany. Even if Germany becomes a world hegemon, it needs the support of other countries. The world is not big, but it is not small either. Especially on the other side of the ocean, when there is another equally powerful country eyeing it, Germany needs the support of other countries even more.

However, Qin Tian has a different opinion on this.

"Father, Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Minister of Foreign Affairs. I have a different view on this." Qin Tian said.

"Oscar, the Austro-Hungarian Empire is our traditional ally and our staunch supporter. Don't you think we should transfer some of the benefits we have obtained to them?" William II asked.

"Of course, Father. The Austro-Hungarian Empire is indeed our ally. However, I don't think we should use the interests we get from Russia to satisfy their demands. Russia's interests are too important to us. We They can be satisfied with the interests of other places. For example, the Balkans. Didn't the Austro-Hungarian Empire always hope to expand to the Balkans? After we have made a breakthrough on the Western Front, we can send an army to help them in the Balkans Let them complete their expansion on the Balkan Peninsula. As for the benefits obtained from Russia, we will keep it for ourselves to digest." Qin Tian said.

"Your Majesty, this seems to be a very good way. Compared with the Balkan Peninsula, the territories ceded to us by Russia are undoubtedly better. In addition, the Balkan Peninsula has always been an area where the Austro-Hungarian Empire penetrated, and the Empire cannot stand there. It is better to give the Balkans to the Austro-Hungarian Empire to meet their requirements." Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter said.

"But, in that case, will the Austro-Hungarian Empire be dissatisfied with the Empire? The Austro-Hungarian Empire must know how much the Empire has gained from the Russians." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow was a little worried.

Although, the negotiations between the German and Russian cloth parties were conducted in secret. However, when spies from various countries are trying their best to investigate this information, it is impossible to keep it secret. Especially the Russian side, they are like a sieve in front of other countries, and all the information is easily snooped by others.

Therefore, the Austria-Hungary Empire undoubtedly knows how much benefit Germany has gained from Russia.

Think about it with your toes, Germany has acquired a large area of territory on the Eastern European Plain, but they have only acquired the

barren Balkan Peninsula. This will naturally cause the rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to feel unbalanced. This is unavoidable. People often share adversity but not happiness. Not to mention the relationship between countries is undoubtedly more fragile.

"If the Austro-Hungarian Empire is still dissatisfied with this, we can consider giving them some benefits in other aspects. For example, in the Kingdom of Italy, allocate part of the territory to them. In terms of war reparations, we can also give them some. We try our best. Let's do our best to meet their needs and eliminate their imbalance. If they still refuse to accept this, then I don't think the German Empire needs to accommodate them too much. After all, their role in the empire, is completely different from before the war!" Qin Tian expressed his opinion. Anyway, he strongly disagreed with the expansion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to the Eastern European plains. There, he has already regarded it as his own territory. In the future, it will be the front line against the Russian cloth party, so other countries will not be allowed to get involved.

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King Wilhelm II was silent, Qin Tian thought about the suggestion for a long time. After a while, he said: "Everyone, just follow Oscar's advice! Tell the Austro-Hungarian Empire that the Empire supports their territorial expansion in the Balkan Peninsula and Italy, but the territories of Russia cannot be distributed to them. In addition, The war reparations Russia gave us can give them two billion marks. In this case, we have done our utmost to them!"

Qin Tian nodded. Although two billion marks is not a lot, if this problem can be solved, it will be considered pretty good. Anyway, the money came from the Russians.

"Your Majesty, even if the Austro-Hungarian Empire will be dissatisfied, it should be fine. After all, their role in this war is too limited." Bernhard von Bülow said the prime minister.

When Qin Tian heard this sentence, he couldn't help laughing. Indeed, the role played by the Austro-Hungarian Empire in this war was too limited. Their greatest contribution is probably the sacrifice of a crown prince, which enabled this war to break out. Besides, what other achievements do they have? During the war, the performance of their army was very, very bad. If it is said that in the early days of the war, Germany still needed to rely on the Austro-Hungarian Empire to hold back the Russian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy, then now, they have no role in this regard. Civil strife had broken out in Russia, and the German Empire had benefited enormously from it. The military strength of the Kingdom of Italy is also very bad, and Germany doesn't care at all. Therefore, the German army only needs to make a breakthrough on the Western Front in future wars to win this war. Under such circumstances, Germany naturally does not have to give the Austro-Hungarian Empire too much face.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the empire, go to the Austro-Hungarian Empire and try to make them understand the current situation." William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" Von Kidren Wascht nodded.

In this world, being a diplomat is undoubtedly a very prestigious thing. As long as you are not a diplomat from a small country, you can usually do well. Of course, the big eastern countries are an exception. A diplomat from a major eastern country is simply a doormat. In a powerful country like the German Empire, important ministers like the Minister of Foreign Affairs often receive the best preferential treatment when they travel to other countries on behalf of the empire.

Vienna, the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, recently, there has been a rumor circulating here that the German Empire left the Austro-Hungarian Empire and made peace with the Russians alone. The German Empire has obtained huge benefits from Russia, but the Austro-Hungarian Empire has nothing to gain after paying great casualties. This naturally made the elites of the Austro-Hungarian Empire very dissatisfied. They thought they had been duped by Germany. This also created a force hostile to Germany in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

It's just that those who were really in power in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, especially the emperor Franz Joseph I, were not affected by such rumors. Of course, if the German side really put aside the Austro-Hungarian Empire and made peace with Russia alone, it would make him a little angry. However, in his life, he has experienced similar things countless times. Most importantly, Franz Joseph I had a very clear understanding of the strength of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He knew that even if the German Empire really wanted to leave the Austro-Hungarian Empire behind, there was nothing they could do. Who made the Austro-Hungarian Empire so weak? It has the title of one of the great powers and strong industrial strength. But in fact, it is simply a strong outside. If it weren't for the help of the German Empire, they would have been defeated by Russia on the Eastern Front.

The Prime Minister, Commander-in-Chief, and Chief of Staff of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are all very aware of this. They are also desperately trying to dispel these rumors. However, it was not successful. Because the promoter behind these rumors is the Crown Prince Karl of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

According to the German side, Franz Joseph I specially summoned Crown Prince Karl before German Foreign Minister von Kiedren Wacht visited Vienna. An hour later, Crown Prince Karl left Schönbrunn Palace with a

gloomy face. However, those rumors disappeared without a trace the next day, as if nothing had ever happened.

At the end of January 1915, German Foreign Minister von Kiedren Wascht arrived in Vienna. Mario Weber, Prime Minister of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, personally went to the airport to greet von Kidren Wachter, which was regarded as giving Germany enough face.

After arriving in Vienna, the first thing von Kidrun Wachter did was to represent Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany to meet Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria-Hungary.

Although Franz Joseph I was not in a good state of mind recently, he cheered up and received von Kidren Wachter.

"Your Majesty, the Emperor asked me to apologize to His Majesty. During our negotiations with the Russian Bu Party, we did not notify the Austro-Hungarian Empire. For this, we are sorry. However, I hope Your Majesty can understand that it was the Empire's secret relationship." von Kidren Wachter said.

Franz Joseph I nodded: "Then, how is the German Empire going to treat the Austro-Hungarian Empire? After all, we had an agreement at the beginning, and no one can make peace with the enemy alone."

"Your Majesty, the empire has indeed obtained a lot of benefits in Russia this time. However, the empire does not intend to give those benefits to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The empire has already made arrangements for those territories." Von Kidren Wa Hitter said.

Mario Weber's complexion suddenly became very ugly. However, Franz Joseph I did not change his face. He seemed to know that von Kidren Wascht hadn't finished speaking.

"Although, in terms of benefits paid by the Russians, the Empire cannot give to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, in other respects, the Empire can compensate the Austro-Hungarian Empire. We can support the expansion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the Balkan Peninsula and Italy. In addition, Russia pays us The war indemnity can also be distributed to the Austria-Hungary Empire with two billion marks. The Empire attaches great importance to the friendship with the Austria-Hungary Empire. We do not hope that our ally relationship will be affected by this. As for your country, how to choose , It depends on His Majesty and Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Von Kidren Wascht kicked the ball to Franz Joseph I's feet.

After a little consideration, Franz Joseph I happily accepted Germany's goodwill and voluntarily stated that the Austro-Hungarian Empire will always be an ally of the German Empire and will never change.

Chapter 376: Unwilling

"Your Majesty, the Germans are really deceiving people too much!" Mario Weber said to Franz Joseph I angrily after von Kidren Wascht left the palace.

Germany made peace with Russia first, and then distributed them a little bit of benefits at will, just like sending beggars, which is really indignant.

The smile on Franz Joseph I's face also disappeared completely. His amiable face just now was simply an act of faking. As the emperor of an empire, even if he is old, he cannot tolerate others treating him like this.

"I am also very angry. But, Your Excellency, what do you think we can do now? Torn face with the Germans? Or, like the Italians, directly betray Germany and go to war with them?" Franz? Joseph I asked back.

Suddenly, Mario Weber was speechless. He naturally knew that the Austro-Hungarian Empire would definitely not be able to tear itself apart from Germany. As for the betrayal of Germany, there is no way to talk about it.

Anyone can see that the Allies have already gained the upper hand in this war. It doesn't seem to be a problem to win the final victory. If at this time, they still betrayed the German Empire and joined the Allied Powers, it would undoubtedly be something that a fool could do.

If you betray the German Empire, join the Entente, and defeat Germany, that's fine. But if that fails to defeat Germany, it is really a dead end. Franz Joseph I and Mario Weber were very aware of the strength of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Although the Austro-Hungarian Empire also had two or three million troops. But if there is a real fight, it is estimated that Germany only needs to dispatch two or three legions to defeat them.

Although, in the previous battle to defeat the Russian Southwest Front Army, the Austro-Hungarian Army also contributed a huge amount of strength. But they all know how much the Austro-Hungarian Empire has contributed in this. It can be said that the German 8th Army played a vital role in defeating the Russian Southwest Front. Without the German 8th Army, the Austro-Hungarian Empire would have been defeated. No, they launched another attack later, trying to gnaw off a piece of fat on the Russians when Russia was at its weakest. The result was defeated instead, and the loss was not small.

"Your Excellency, the Germans will do this, no wonder they, our own strength is too weak! If it were us, if our strength is much stronger than the Germans, we can simply ignore the Germans In this world, after all, the strong will prey on the weak!" Franz Joseph I said somewhat helplessly. The essence of this world is that the weak prey on the strong.

Mario Weber nodded: "Your Majesty, I understand. Judging from the current situation, the allies have a better chance of winning in this war. Therefore, we can gain more benefits by staying in the allies. In addition, if In this war, if we can take the Balkan Peninsula and cut off a piece of meat from the Italians,

that would be good. The war reparations of two billion marks is not a small amount."

People are often like this. If you change your thinking, many problems can be figured out. This is undoubtedly the case with the current Austro-Hungarian Empire.

German Foreign Minister von Kidren Wacht did not stay long in Vienna. After meeting Franz Joseph I, he met with Archduke Friedrich and Baron Marshal Herzendorf respectively. The commanders-in-chief of the two Austrian armies also expressed their understanding of Germany's approach to Russia. After all, they all knew that such a change in Russia was entirely planned by the Germans, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire did not contribute much in the war against Russia. Of course, they paid a lot of casualties for this. But that was simply because the Austrian army was too weak. If they are strong, maybe Germany will have to consider their attitude and let them get a share.

Von Kidren Wachter seems to have selectively forgotten to visit Crown Prince Karl. As the crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Karl's status is undoubtedly very high. In reason and reason, von Kidren Wachter should also pay a visit. However, von Kidren Wachter went directly back to Germany the next day, which made everyone's jaw drop.

"Damn Germans, they didn't take me seriously at all!" After the German Foreign Minister left, Crown Prince Karl was furious in his palace. The actions of the Germans undoubtedly gave him a slap in the face, making him, the Crown Prince, not know where to put his face.

Von Kidren? Wacht did this, of course, on purpose. On the one hand, the German intelligence agencies are well aware that Crown Prince Karl is fanning the ghostly wind and destroying the relationship between the German Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. On the other hand, when Germany

and Austria jointly dealt with the Russian army, Crown Prince Karl also targeted Qin Tian's von Kidren Wascht several times. This time, he took this opportunity to severely humiliate him. up.

As Franz Joseph I got older, Crown Prince Karl's influence in the Austro-Hungarian Empire continued to increase. After all, compared with Franz Joseph I, Crown Prince Karl is not a wise king. But who told Franz Joseph I that he was not far from meeting God? Isn't the future empire all owned by Crown Prince Karl? This made the nobles and elites of the Austro-Hungarian Empire more willing to maintain a good relationship with Crown Prince Karl.

However, after the German foreign minister did not give Crown Prince Karl face, many people quickly realized that Germany was not satisfied with Crown Prince Karl. Although, it was not Germany's turn to interfere in the internal affairs of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, once Germany wins the war, it will undoubtedly become the hegemony of the world. Even though Crown Prince Karl inherited the throne and became the monarch of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, if he offends the world overlord, even if Crown Prince Karl becomes emperor, he will inevitably be greatly suppressed.

This also made many people who originally planned to get closer to Crown Prince Karl couldn't help but stop, planning to wait and see again to see if there would be any changes in the future.

After Crown Prince Karl knew about this situation, he was so angry that he was about to vomit blood. In addition, Germany is very unwilling to monopolize a large area of Russia's territory. In his opinion, those territories should have been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Chapter 377: Trap

Admiralty, London, United Kingdom.

Navy Minister Churchill just sent the Prime Minister's Office back, and the current situation is becoming more and more unfavorable for Britain. Sure

enough, Russia made peace with Germany, which made Germany no longer have to worry about fighting on two fronts. It is foreseeable that the Germans will soon launch a large-scale offensive on the Western Front. Whether the British and French allied forces can withstand the German attack will be directly related to whether they can persist in this war.

Under such circumstances, not only the French are frantically arming more troops. At the same time, the United Kingdom is also trying to grow the expeditionary force, trying to withstand future German attacks.

The British Navy has not yet come out of the heavy losses. Although the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleship has already entered service, the 'Revenge-class' battleship will soon enter service. This restored the strength of the British Navy compared to before.

However, Churchill was not at all optimistic about the future decisive battle at sea. Because he knows very well that even if the British Navy has ten more battleships equipped with 381mm main guns, it may not be the opponent of the German Navy. Therefore, he can only pin his hopes on the battleships that will be built later. It's just that Germany obviously won't give them that much time. The German navy is frantically strangling Britain's sea transportation lines. All British merchant ships were either sunk or captured directly. This makes Britain, which is extremely dependent on maritime trade, almost trapped to death. If it weren't for the fact that American merchant ships have been transporting various supplies to the United Kingdom, they might not be able to persist long ago.

As if to further intensify the attack on Britain, the German Navy's submarines and breaching fleet even launched attacks on British fishing boats. This directly caused a sharp decline in the seafood that the United Kingdom could obtain from the ocean.

Britain is a highly industrialized country, and its domestic food production is not high. Most of the food they consume comes from abroad. As an island country, seafood is also an important food on the table of the British. After the sea transportation line was cut off, in order to avoid famine, the British government called on fishermen to increase the amount of fishing to ensure the domestic food supply.

But it is a pity that when more and more fishing boats were sunk by the Germans, it directly caused those fishermen to dare not go to sea again. Even if you go out to sea, you just circle around the sea. In that case, how many fish can you catch? This also makes the possibility of famine in Britain greatly increased.

Prime Minister Asquith summoned the ministers of the British cabinet to discuss countermeasures.

"No, we can't let the Germans continue to be so rampant. Otherwise, our cutting-edge warships have not been built, and Britain has been dragged down. By then, Britain will lose in this war. The colonial system that the British Empire has maintained for hundreds of years will collapse." Churchill murmured.

If the German navy can be defeated in one fell swoop and the current crisis can be resolved, that would be the best. But it is a pity that the current Royal Navy does not have such strength at all.

"The German fleet is very strong, especially when there are battlecruisers equipped with 380mm main guns, even if we send the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships to fight, we may not be able to get a cheap one. .Since there is no way to deal with the German fleet, we must find a way to deal with their submarines. If the German submarines can be eliminated, our threat will be much smaller!" Churchill thought.

Among the losses caused by the German navy to British merchant ships, the broken fleet did not account for the largest share. Those seemingly inconspicuous submarines became the main force to cut off the British sea transportation line.

Especially when the German Navy holds the initiative, it can dispatch a large number of merchant ships and transport ships to provide supplies for these submarines and increase the residence time in the ocean. These submarines, with their elusive attack methods, are hard to guard against, and directly caused great losses to the British merchant ships. A large number of British merchant ships were sunk by German submarines.

Although the German Navy's breaking fleet is very strong, it is impossible to completely block the British coast because of its quantity. If the submarines of the German Navy can be solved, then the crisis in Britain can be alleviated to a certain extent.

Under such circumstances, Churchill directly issued an order to the British Navy Grand Fleet, asking them to find a way to get rid of the German submarines.

Admiral John Jellicoe also had a headache after receiving the order. The German submarines, hiding underwater to launch an attack, are not so easy to find. Although, British scientists have developed sonar. However, the sonar of this period was extremely crude, and it was not at all like the sonar of later generations, which could accurately locate underwater targets.

Therefore, the British Navy launched several attacks against German submarines, but did not achieve much results.

Although, from the outbreak of the war to the present, Germany has lost more than a dozen submarines. But except for a very few that were sunk by the British Navy, most of the rest were lost due to their own failures.

Lost these submarines, but in exchange for the cut off of the British sea transportation line, this price is undoubtedly worth it.

Admiral John Jellicoe, a staff officer of the British Navy, proposed a battle plan in order to complete Churchill's order. After seeing the plan, Admiral John Jellicoe was very satisfied and immediately flew to London to report the battle plan to Prime Minister Churchill.

"Your Excellency, this is the battle plan we came up with. The German submarines often surfaced, threatened our merchant ships with naval guns, and surrendered to them. Many merchant ships without any weapons were killed under such circumstances. Therefore, we can take advantage of this situation to ambush the German submarine, or in other words, set a trap for the German submarine and wait for them to step in by themselves." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

The British Navy plans to prepare 20 merchant ships. On these merchant ships, small-caliber rapid-fire guns were secretly arranged, pretending to return to the British mainland from North America, or from the British mainland to North America. Once a German submarine surfaced and was about to capture these British merchant ships, the British sailors in civilian clothes manipulated those small-caliber rapid-fire guns to attack the German submarine and sink it.

There is no doubt that this is a very stupid way. However, Churchill could only adopt such a tactic when there was no other way.

Chapter 378: Stand by and wait for the rabbit

The Atlantic Ocean in February is the coldest time of the year. The cold wind from the Arctic Ocean blows on a person's face, as if cutting with a knife. But even so, the officers and soldiers of the German Navy are still cruising in the Atlantic Ocean.

A breakaway fleet composed of several battlecruisers focused on searching the waters west of the British Isles. And those submarine forces hunted freely in the Atlantic Ocean. As soon as a merchant ship or warship flying the British flag is spotted, an attack is launched immediately. Of course, facing the warship, it is to launch the torpedo directly. If it is a merchant ship, the submarine of the German Navy is more willing to float up and use the naval gun on the bow to force the British merchant ship to surrender. After all, capturing a merchant ship can gain more military exploits than sinking a merchant ship.

Germany also needs a large number of merchant ships for overseas trade and transportation of combat materials. Therefore, the German Admiralty also encouraged the fleet and submarine forces to capture British merchant ships. This also made those captains take the capture of British merchant ships as their first choice.

A merchant ship flying the British flag is sailing about a thousand kilometers west of the island of Ireland. The deck of this merchant ship was covered with thick canvas. The merchant ship has a deep draft, and it seems to be loaded with a lot of supplies.

A middle-aged sailor was standing on the deck smoking a cigarette. The cold sea breeze blew on his face, making his whole face numb. However, he did not enter the cabin, but took out the binoculars from time to time to search the surrounding sea. This is not an ordinary civilian version of the telescope, but a military high-powered telescope.

"Damn it, why didn't any of the German submarines disappear? We have been wandering in the sea for a week, but we haven't found a single German submarine. The luck is too bad." The middle-aged sailor cursed.

This middle-aged sailor is Captain Schmidt of the British Navy. Originally, at his age, he should not have performed such a task. After all, his previous

position was the captain of a destroyer. However, when the Admiralty selected members for the mission, he voluntarily signed up. Not because of anything else, but because he wanted to avenge his brother. His younger brother was a merchant sailor. Three months ago, it was sunk by a German submarine on the route from Canada to the British mainland.

"Captain, you still haven't found the target, right? The weather is really too cold." A young sailor said to Captain Schmidt.

"Idiot, didn't you say that? Don't call me the captain. Call me the captain now. When the Germans find out, no one can escape!" Captain Schmidt cursed.

"Okay, captain. Hasn't the German been found yet?" the young sailor muttered.

"Captain, the first officer asked me to inform you. Our supplies are running out. If the German submarine is not found before tonight, we may have to return." The young sailor said.

"Damn! Why can't you bring more supplies when you go to sea?" Captain Schmidt scolded.

"Okay, tell Simon, if we can't find the German submarine before dark, we will retreat. May God bless us and sink a German submarine! I must avenge my poor brother!" Captain Schmidt prayed to God.

On the sea not far from the British merchant ship, a German submarine was sailing on the water. Due to the technology of this era, submarines cannot sail underwater for a long time. Most of the time, they sail on the water surface. Only dive into the water when attacking or evading enemy warships. In order to prevent the submarine from fighting on the water, there is also a special dual-mounted 75mm naval gun on the bow of the submarine.

The hull number of this submarine is u-113, which belongs to an earlier batch of submarines. The construction of these submarines ceased after Deutsche Werft had produced a hundred of the improved U-boats. Subsequent production is a further improved model.

The hatch of the submarine was opened, and a submarine officer wearing a thick jacket got out from inside. Behind him, there were several other submarine soldiers. These submariners usually nest in the small space of the submarine, very stuffy. So, every once in a while, after making sure that there is no danger around them, they will get out of the submarine, go to the surface for some activities and relax.

"Sir, we haven't opened this week yet! Not to mention the British merchant ships, we haven't even seen a single warship." A submarine soldier pinched a cigarette **** in his hand and said.

"Who knows! If you want to encounter British ships now, you have to rely on God's blessing. In the past six months, have there been fewer British merchant ships and warships killed by us? I guess the British have already been scared by us." !" The captain spit out a smoke ring.

"Sir, British ships are not common in the Atlantic Ocean now. However, American ships are almost all over the Atlantic Ocean. It would be great if we can attack American ships." Another Said the submariner.

"Hmph! American ships are not so easy to deal with. They haven't participated in the war yet, and the empire has no name to attack them." The captain shook his head.

"Sir, the Americans are just hanging a fig leaf as a neutral country. I can guarantee that there must be a lot of minerals and weapons in the materials they transported to the UK. The Americans are using us to fight against the British, everyone. Make war fortune!"

"Well, I don't know how the higher-ups think about it. It would be great if the higher-ups can authorize us to launch attacks on American merchant ships. Every time I see an American merchant ship slipping past my eyes, I will drool!"

"Okay, shut up! It's not up to us to decide what the higher-ups consider. If we want to start a war against the Americans, we only need to obey orders." Said the captain.

"Yes, sir!" The other submariners replied.

"Have a good rest, let me go in. Continue to go north and try your luck!" The captain ordered.

"Yes, sir!" The submarine crew filed into the submarine, and the captain was the last one.

When the submarine went north for half an hour, they received a telegram. This is from the Admiralty, a scout ship, who has spotted a British merchant ship to the north.

Suddenly, the captain of the u-113 submarine immediately ordered to advance at full speed to catch up with the British merchant ship.

A submarine sails on the water at a much faster speed than a merchant ship. However, the German naval officers and soldiers on this submarine did not know that the British merchant ship was just a decoy. From beginning to end, this was a trap set by the British to deal with German merchant ships. The officers and soldiers of the British Navy are waiting on the ground, waiting for the German submarine to throw itself into the net.

Chapter 379: All sunk

"Find the target and shoot for warning!" After the U-113 submarine of the German Navy caught up with the British merchant ship, the captain followed

the predetermined steps and began to prepare to force the British merchant ship to land.

According to the usual practice, once the shell explodes around the British merchant ship, the British sailors on board will be scared to death. At that time, they will only obey the orders of the German submarine. As long as you send a few soldiers up and control the core cabin of the merchant ship, you can drive the merchant ship to join the German Navy's breaking fleet. The British merchant ship was then sent back to Germany by the breaking fleet.

"Boom! Boom!" Two shells exploded beside the British merchant ship. The sound of the explosion startled all the British naval officers and soldiers on board.

"Damn, where did the shells come from?" Captain Schmidt asked loudly.

"Sir, the German submarine is two kilometers away from us!" A British navy soldier reported.

"German submarine? Haha, God forbid, they are finally here. Tell everyone, hold your breath. Without my order, absolutely do not fire!" Captain Schmidt ordered. He was afraid that other naval soldiers would fire early because of nervousness, thus scaring away the German submarine. Once danger is found, the submarine will inevitably dive urgently. With the performance of their merchant ships, it is impossible to find submarines hiding underwater. What's more, it will also make their plans leaked, and there will never be such an opportunity in the future.

"Sir, the Germans used semaphore to ask us to stop the ship immediately." A sailor reported to Captain Schmidt.

"Do as the Germans say! Others are ready. Once they hear my order, they immediately uncover the canvas and start shooting. This time, we must eliminate the German submarine." Captain Schmidt calmly ordered Follow the

order. However, from his slightly trembling hands, it can be clearly seen that he is also very nervous in his heart.

The U-113 submarine of the German Navy did not find anything unusual about the British merchant ship at all. After confirming that the British merchant ship followed their orders and began to stop the ship, they immediately moved closer to it.

Watching the German submarine getting closer and closer to them, the British naval officers and soldiers on the merchant ship were all very nervous and dared not breathe.

Soon, the German submarine was less than 200 meters away from the British merchant ship.

"Attack immediately!" Captain Schmidt ordered immediately.

The British naval soldiers on the merchant ship immediately lifted off the canvas on the deck. A two-pounder and a one-pounder appeared. These rapid-fire guns are already ready to fire. The soldiers of the British Navy took aim and started shooting immediately.

The submarine of the German army also discovered the strangeness of the British. When they saw the rapid-fire guns, their expressions changed drastically.

"Damn it! This is a trap set by the British! Make an emergency dive, immediately make an emergency dive!" The captain of the U-113 submarine immediately issued an order.

Although, the submariners immediately filled the tank with water, and the submarine began to dive. But because of technical reasons, it takes at least two or three minutes for a submarine of this era to complete the dive. And the British obviously won't give them that long.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The rapid-fire guns on the British merchant ship have already started firing. Cannonballs roared and fired towards the German submarine two hundred meters away.

The shell exploded in the sea, splashing jets of water.

Although the two-pound rapid-fire gun and the one-pound rapid-fire gun are not very powerful, their rate of fire is very fast. What's more, the defense of submarines in this era is not strong. The steel plates used by submarines are also very thin steel plates, which simply cannot withstand the rapid-fire artillery shells of the British army.

"Hurry up! God bless you!" The captain of the U-133 submarine kept praying to God.

However, they still failed to escape their bad luck in the end. The shells of the British army hit the hull of the submarine, and easily blasted out holes of different sizes in the hull of the submarine. Sea water poured into the submarine from these holes. Although, the German navy sailors on the submarine desperately carried out damage control. However, it still failed. They can only watch their submarine sink into the cold Atlantic seabed. Of course, they failed to escape, and the submarine became their steel coffin.

"Good job, we sank the German submarine!" Seeing the German submarine sinking into the sea, a large amount of oil and some rags poured out of the sea. These are undoubtedly proofs that the German submarine was sunk.

"Long live! Long live!" The British naval officers and soldiers on the merchant ship all cheered. This is undoubtedly a remarkable victory for them. In the confrontation between the Royal Navy and the German Navy, they have failed too many times. And the possibility of them achieving results is too low.

Faced with this tactic of the British Navy, the German Navy's submarine force was not prepared at all. So much so that when these submarines happily wanted to capture British merchant ships, they discovered that these British merchant ships were not sheep at all, but wolves armed to the teeth.

Under this trap of the British, the submarine force of the German Navy lost more than a dozen submarines. Such intensive losses immediately attracted the attention of the German Navy. After all, even when they were fighting the British Navy most fiercely, they never lost so many submarines!

When the Minister of the Navy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz informed Qin Tian of this news, Qin Tian was also taken aback. He thought that the British had come up with some high-tech weapons under the strong pressure of Germany. ? For example, the advanced sonar that restrains the submarines of the German Navy. In that case, their subs would be useless.

The reason why submarines are powerful lies in the concealment of their attacks. Once discovered, it loses its concealment.

Fortunately, maybe the British are not so lucky! When the British armed merchant ship attacked a submarine of the German Navy, it was escaped by the German submarine. After out of danger, the German submarine reported to the country the news that the British used merchant ships to attack the German submarine. Qin Tian and the senior officials of the German Navy suddenly realized. It turned out that the British did not have any advanced weapons, but that they used intrigue. After learning about the British tactics, the problem will be much easier to solve.

"Your Excellency, the British merchant ships are very precious. However, the lives of our submarines and those officers and soldiers are even more precious. Let the submarine force stop capturing British merchant ships! Any ships that find the British will be sunk directly. !" Qin Tian issued the order.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, he also felt sorry for those elite submarine soldiers.

Chapter 380: Fixed thinking

"Your Highness, the British sea transportation line has almost been cut off by our fleet and submarine force. However, a large number of merchant ships from the United States have filled this gap, allowing the British to continue to flow from All kinds of materials they urgently need are obtained from all over the world. This is a great blow to our tactics of besieging Britain. It almost makes our efforts go to waste." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said to Qin Tian.

Qin Tian nodded. This kind of American practice is indeed very unfavorable to Germany. This is tantamount to the Americans using the hands of Britain and France to weaken the power of the German Empire. They hide behind, not only can make a lot of war money, but also make their influence in the world more and more. Therefore, Qin Tian has always regarded the United States as Germany's biggest opponent. If Germany wants to secure its position as the world's hegemon, it is inevitable to defeat the United States and remove their threat to the German Empire. Otherwise, the United States will be a big threat to China sooner or later.

"The United States is a neutral country now, and we can't do anything to them. Before defeating Britain and France, it is very unwise for us to provoke a powerful enemy like the United States." Qin Tian shook his head. Now he also feels very helpless, the strength of the United States is too strong, and he does not want to confront the United States for the time being. Unless Germany wins this war, otherwise, he will try his best to avoid conflict with the United States.

"Your Highness, I find that you are a little too conservative in dealing with the United States? Although the United States is very strong, we are not afraid of

them. Especially when Russia has withdrawn from the war, they treat us, How much of a threat is it?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz thought for a while, and then said.

Qin Tian was taken aback for a moment, he didn't understand Earl Tirpitz's words. For the United States, it is hard for Qin Tian not to be afraid. The United States of later generations is the world's most powerful country, the world's police. Its military strength dominates the world. Such a powerful country makes all the countries of later generations live in their shadow. Qin Tian, of course, naturally fears the United States.

"Your Highness, the industrial strength of the United States is very strong, I admit it. However, they are only the world's largest industrial output value. In other words, they have high industrial output value, not strong. In many cutting-edge fields, the empire is more powerful than the United States. , is far ahead. In addition, although the United States is a populous country, their army is small in size, poorly equipped, poorly trained, and not strong in combat effectiveness. Although their navy is second to us and the British, But for the empire, it is not a threat at all. Of course, the United States has strong industrial strength and can build many warships. However, the construction of warships is not so easy and takes a lot of time. Even if the Americans go to war against us, they Our industrial strength cannot be transformed into war strength in a short period of time. Therefore, we don't need to be afraid of them at all!" said Marshal Earl Tirpitz.

After hearing the words of Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Qin Tian's eyes suddenly brightened. Indeed, because of the memory of his previous life, he naturally fears the United States. However, what made him frightened was not the present America, but the superpower of later generations. If it is said that the United States in later generations is Uncle Sam who dominates and controls all power, then the present America is nothing but young Sam. Although, they

already have a certain amount of capital to grow into a superpower. However, compared with the flourishing Germany, they are still too far behind.

"Indeed, Your Excellency Marshal. It is I who overestimated the strength of the United States. The geographical location of the United States is very good. The barrier between the two oceans, coupled with the vast land, rich resources, huge population, and developed industries, make them They have the potential to become a superpower. However, this is only potential after all. Now they have not been able to grow into a superpower, and their military strength cannot be compared with the empire. Therefore, the empire does not need to be too afraid of them! "After untying this knot in his heart, Qin Tian suddenly had a different idea. He suddenly discovered that the current United States is not invincible.

"How about this, Marshal, His Majesty will hold an imperial meeting tomorrow. We happen to be at the meeting to discuss this issue. I think everyone should be able to discuss a perfect solution by then," Qin Tian said.

"Okay, Your Highness." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded.

After Count Tirpitz left, Qin Tian couldn't help but shook his head with a wry smile.

"Static thinking kills people! Because of stereotyped thinking, I almost missed a good opportunity to end the war as soon as possible!" Qin Tian sighed.

Originally, he didn't want to break face with the United States now. In this case, the war will inevitably be delayed for a longer period of time, and the German Empire will suffer greater losses in this war. And the Americans can take this opportunity to further weaken Germany's strength. This will be very unfavorable for Germany to defeat the United States and maintain its world dominance in the future.

The strength of the United States is indeed very strong. However, the current United States does not have the capital to allow the German Empire to retreat. Of course, once the United States' strong industrial power is transformed into war power, it will be very terrifying. It is very difficult for Germany to defeat such a United States. But it is a pity that Germany in this time and space is much stronger than in another time and space. As a result, the United States in this time and space has no chance of intervening in this war.

According to Qin Tian's plan, in the spring of this year, the German Army will make a breakthrough on the Western Front, defeat the British and French allied forces, defeat France, and further force Britain to surrender. If Britain does not surrender, it will begin to prepare a combat plan for landing on the British mainland.

The Imperial Navy will also defeat the Royal Navy in the first half of this year, preferably before the decisive battle on land, at least severely inflicting damage on them, and destroying their main combat power, so that the German Navy can gain control of the sea in the Atlantic Ocean. Native, get ready.

If the German Army and Navy can win victories on these two fronts respectively, then the Americans are nothing to worry about. Even, the strong military strength displayed by Germany will make the United States dare not act rashly. Thus watching Germany win this war and become the world's hegemon.

After Germany has digested the fruits of victory, the United States will not pose too much threat to China.