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Chapter 391: Dispatch the navy

The American ambassador was trembling with anger at what von Kidren Wachter said. It was their people who died, and their merchant ships were also detained. It turned out they were wrong.

"Your Excellency, Foreign Secretary, your country is making unreasonable words. American merchant ships sail freely on the high seas. Your country's unauthorized designation of no-sail zone is a violation of freedom of navigation. The US government will never recognize your delineated no-sail zone. Yes." The American ambassador was furious.

"Your Excellency, whether you admit it or not is up to you. Anyway, Germany just needs to approve it!" Von Kidren Waschter replied arrogantly. Regardless of whether the United States admits it or not, as long as ships from other countries break into the restricted area, the German navy will detain the ships. This is the answer of the German government.

The attitude of the German government made the American ambassador very angry. At the same time, I also know that the attitude of the Germans this time may be quite tough. It is almost impossible to get the Germans to make concessions through diplomatic efforts.

"Your Excellency, in addition, I have to remind you and your country. On your merchant ships, many war supplies that the empire has explicitly banned from being transported to the UK were found. The empire can completely understand this as your country is supporting Britain is fighting against the empire. If the empire continues to pursue, it can even regard your country as a hostile country to the empire. Therefore, we hope that your country can stop such behavior. Otherwise, the relationship between our two countries will be inevitable affected." Von Kidren Wachter continued.

"Your Excellency, the foreign minister, our businessmen are just conducting normal overseas trade. Your country is destroying trade freedom!" The American ambassador now doesn't know what to say.

"Your Excellency, if you insist on making excuses, then I can't do anything about it. However, I can tell you very clearly that since the no-fly zone has been demarcated, we will strictly enforce it before the end of the war. Any challenge, we will all defeat it." Von Kidren Wachter's attitude was very resolute.

"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, you are bullying the weak. The United States is not a weak country, and we will not let go of any behavior that violates the interests of the American Republic!" The attitude of the American ambassador is also very tough.

Under the circumstance that the attitudes of both sides are very tough, this meeting is doomed to be the result of an unhappy breakup. The Americans will not compromise easily. Similarly, after Germany has delineated a no-fly zone, it will not be easily revoked. Unless the war is over, otherwise, the no-fly zone will continue to be implemented. The German navy will also always detain merchant ships from other countries that break into the no-sail zone.

After receiving the report from the ambassador to Germany, the U.S. government became even more furious.

"Damn the Germans, they deceive people too much! Don't they think that the world is really invincible?" President Woodrow Wilson was furious. In his view, Germany's behavior is a complete violation of their national sovereignty and an act of war.

"Your Excellency, the behavior of the Germans is really bad. Moreover, their attitude is also unacceptable. The American Republic can no longer tolerate it.

Otherwise, the Germans will be even more unscrupulous. The people in the country, They will also oppose us. Those guys in the Republican Party are even more looking forward to driving us out!" Secretary of State Bryan said.

"Everyone, what should we do about this incident?" President Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, we need to show the Germans that we are tough! Let them know that this time the United States of America will not back down. Unless they apologize to us and release the seized ships and pay us for our losses. Otherwise , we will never let it go!" War Secretary Garrison said.

"However, will that make the Germans misjudge that we are preparing to join the Allied Powers? If this leads to the Germans declaring war on us, then the problem may be serious." Vice President Marshall said.

The current war situation is very unfavorable to the Allies. Even the Americans dare not assert that if they join the Allied Powers, they will definitely reverse the situation of the war. This also makes the US government no longer want to be involved in the war. Of course, if Britain and France can resist the German attack, stabilize the line of defense, and even make the war situation develop in their favor, the United States will inevitably join their side to fight.

"Your Excellency, I think we can properly show a tough attitude. However, we must not be involved in a war. If a war breaks out, the U.S. Navy may not be able to withstand the Germans. Our east coast will suffer from the Germans. threat," Secretary of the Navy Daniels said.

Although, such an answer is hard to accept. But President Woodrow Wilson knew that was the truth. The United States now has a strong industry, but its military strength is too weak. Moreover, what is even more terrible is that military strength cannot be improved in a short period of time. Especially

for the navy, the construction cycle of their warships is often as long as two or three years. Although the U.S. Navy has begun to build a new batch of warships. However, when these warships are in service, the war may be over.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded, avoiding getting involved in the war as much as possible, which is also very necessary for the United States. After all, with their current strength, they are still unable to confront Germany.

"Your Excellency, I suggest that we send a fleet to **** our merchant ships. In this way, we can undoubtedly show our attitude. If the Germans back down, then our merchant ships can undoubtedly ignore their embargo. If the Germans are still tough, then we have to think more carefully." Minister Daniels said.

"What's your opinion?" Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, Minister Daniels' suggestion is very good. In that case, we will not only show our attitude, but at the same time, we will not go to war with the Germans. We also have an explanation for the people in the country." Secretary of State Bryan also said.

He meant very clearly that if Germany continues to be tough, then they can only back down. The domestic people can also understand, who made their military power so poor? In that case, they would also have good reason to expand their armaments.

Other cabinet ministers did not object.

Therefore, President Woodrow Wilson issued an order requesting the U.S. Navy to send a powerful fleet to **** U.S. merchant ships, thereby expressing the attitude of the U.S. government.

Chapter 392: tense situation

I have to admit that the strength of the US Navy is still very strong. As early as before the dreadnought was born, the U.S. Navy built a total of 24

pre-dreadnoughts of level 7 and became one of the world's three major navies. In order to deter Japan, the U.S. Navy also organized the Great White Fleet to tour the world to demonstrate the strength of the U.S. Navy.

It's just that after the British and German dreadnoughts were built and put into service one after another, those old-fashioned pre-dreadnoughts became obsolete overnight. As a last resort, the United States had to start building dreadnoughts and began to catch up with the British and German navies.

So far, the U.S. Navy has built 12 dreadnought ships of the sixth level. And there are still many warships on the berth, which are under intense construction.

This also makes the strength of the US Navy rank third in the world. It's just that, compared with the British Navy and the German Navy in the top two, the gap is a bit big.

When a large number of American merchant ships were detained by the German Navy, and there were American civilian casualties, all sectors of American society were angry. They have asked the U.S. government to express a tough attitude to Germany, asking Germany to apologize, compensate for losses, and so on. At the same time, the U.S. government also hopes to find a way to go down, so it requires the U.S. Navy to send a fleet to **** merchant ships. In addition, this has another purpose, which is to test Germany's determination. Provide a reference for the next step of the US government.

"General Fletcher, you should understand what your Excellency means. This time, our navy escorting the merchant ship is not really going to break into the no-go zone of the Germans. Of course, if the Germans don't intercept it, We can try it. However, the possibility of this is very small. Therefore, we must try

our best to avoid the situation of misfire with the Germans." Minister Daniels told Franz Fry, commander of the US Navy's Atlantic Fleet Admiral Che said.

Admiral Fletcher nodded: "Your Excellency, I understand what you mean. Although such an order makes people feel a little aggrieved, who makes our strength so far behind the Germans? If we If our navy were stronger, the Germans might not dare to be so unscrupulous. Our people would not die at the hands of the Germans."

"Yes, General. Your Excellency the President has approved a new round of warship construction plans. In a few years, we will have more powerful battleships in service. By then, we will no longer have to be afraid of the Germans." Minister Daniels said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Minister." Admiral Fletcher replied.

"Minister, what if we are attacked by the Germans? We must fight back, right?" Admiral Fletcher asked.

Secretary Daniels thought for a while, and then said: "If the Germans attack first, then of course we can't just sit still. I think His Excellency's order is that we can't provoke a conflict, and we can't fire the first shot. However, if the Germans attack If we dare to attack, we can naturally fight back. However, I think the Germans should not be so bold."

After receiving the authorization from Minister Daniels, Admiral Fletcher was relieved. If you just get beaten and don't fight back, it would be too boring. Of course, Admiral Fletcher also knows that the strength of the German navy is very powerful, far from being able to resist the US Navy. Therefore, it is naturally the best to be able to avoid misfires.

"General, this time is up to you. May God bless us!" Secretary Daniels said.

"God bless America!" Admiral Fletcher said firmly.

On February 22, 1915, the main force of the US Navy's Atlantic Fleet set off from the Norfolk Naval Base and sailed into the Atlantic Ocean. This time, the Atlantic Fleet of the U.S. Navy can be said to have assembled all the main battleships of the U.S. Navy, including two "Nevada-class" battleships, two "New York-class" battleships, two "Wyoming-class" battleships, and two "Flo" battleships. Rida class' battleships, two 'Delaware class' battleships and two 'South Carolina class' battleships. The United States has built a total of 12 dreadnought ships of the sixth level, all of which are here. Among them, the "Nevada-class" battleships and the "New York-class" battleships are equipped with 356mm main guns. The other warships are equipped with 305mm main guns.

In addition to these capital ships, there are also a large number of cruisers and destroyers, bringing the number of warships in the entire fleet to more than fifty. There is no doubt that this is already a very large fleet. Apart from the United Kingdom and Germany, the other countries may not be able to gather so many warships.

The U.S. Navy made a big move, which immediately aroused the vigilance of the German side. The Minister of the Navy, Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Chief of Naval Staff Marshal von Pohl, Commander of the High Seas Fleet, Admiral Reinhard Scheer, and Imperial Crown Prince Qin Tian were all called to the office by William II.

"Everyone, the American fleet has left the port. There are twelve cutting-edge battleships, plus other warships, more than 50 large and small ships. I want to know, what are the Americans going to do? Do they want to go to war with the empire? ?" William II looked gloomy.

Although the strength of the U.S. Navy is not strong, the current main force of the German Navy is used to suppress the British Navy. If the U.S. Navy goes to war with the German Navy at this juncture, it will inevitably

restrain part of the German Navy's strength. It will even have a certain impact on the entire battle situation. In that case, the situation would not be very good for Germany. What William II hopes most now is to defeat Britain and France and win this war, and he doesn't want to make extra troubles.

"Father, in my opinion, the Americans sent their fleet to sea just to express their attitude. Therefore, we don't have to be afraid of them at all," Qin Tian said.

"Oscar, what if there is any conspiracy between the Americans and the British?" William II was obviously not completely relieved.

"Father, we will order the break-off fleet to intercept the Americans. If they dare to trespass in the no-fly zone, then we will launch an attack and eat this fleet of the US Navy in one fell swoop. After losing this fleet, the Americans At the same time, the main force of the High Seas Fleet also went out to sea and approached Scapa Flow, so that the main force of the British Navy did not dare to act rashly." Qin Tian said.

"Once a fight breaks out, can our fleet be strong enough to deal with the American fleet?" William II asked. Although William II knew that the German Navy's fleet was very strong, the main force of the fleet was approaching battlecruisers. And the battleship of the US Navy is the famous turtle battleship.

Chapter 393: Willem II's ambition

The main force of the German Navy's break-off fleet is still four-tier for 12 battlecruisers, including three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers, three 'Moltke-class' battlecruisers, and three 'Dever-class' battlecruisers. Ringer class' battlecruisers and three 'Mackenson class' battlecruisers. Among them, the "Mackenson-class" battlecruiser has just joined the break-off fleet.

Although, compared with battleships, there is a certain gap in the defense of battlecruisers. However, the German Navy's shipbuilding thinking originally

focused on the defense and survivability of warships. Therefore, the defense of the battlecruisers of the German Navy is also very strong. At least, it is much stronger than the British battleships that value speed and firepower. This is why in previous naval battles, the battlecruisers of the German Navy were able to beat the battleships of the British Navy violently.

However, the battleships of the U.S. Navy pay attention to defense and firepower, and despise speed. This makes the defense of the US battleships very strong, as if they were turtles.

It is not unreasonable for William II to be worried. However, Qin Tian was full of confidence in the battlecruisers of the German Navy.

"Your Majesty, if the Americans really dare to forcibly break into our no-fly zone, our breaching fleet will definitely be able to eliminate them. Even if the main force of our breaching fleet is battlecruisers. The U.S. Navy's Of the twelve battleships, except for the four battleships equipped with 356mm main guns, the remaining eight are all battleships equipped with 305mm main guns. And our break-through fleet has six ships equipped with 380mm main guns There are three remaining battleships equipped with 343mm main guns and 305mm main guns. Moreover, the main guns of the US Navy are all 45 times the caliber, while our main guns are all 50 times the caliber. At the same time, counting If there is a gap in the performance of the main guns of the two sides, our firepower will have an absolute advantage. In terms of defense, according to the information we obtained for our purpose, the defense of the battleships of the US Navy is not stronger than ours. If there is a gap in the performance of armor steel, we are no worse than the United States in this respect. Therefore, the strength of our combat fleet is completely higher than that of the US fleet. As for combat experience, we are much stronger than the US Navy. Therefore , once the two sides really go to war, the victory must

belong to our breaking fleet." The Imperial Navy Minister, Marshal Earl Tirpitz looked confident.

William II put his mind at ease this time. Regardless of whether there is a war with the United States, since the Imperial Navy can take advantage. Then naturally there is nothing to be afraid of.

"Your Majesty, if possible, I would suggest taking advantage of this opportunity to destroy the U.S. fleet in one fell swoop. If we can eliminate all the latest warships of the U.S. Navy in one fell swoop, then the U.S. Navy will be devastated. Even if they There are still many warships under construction, but that will take time. By the time those warships of the US Navy are in service, we may have won the war." Marshal Earl Tirpitz suggested.

William II was stunned for a moment, but then he felt that this seemed to be a good opportunity.

However, Qin Tian immediately objected to this suggestion.

"Father, Your Excellency Marshal. It is not a good time to start a war with the Americans. If we start a war with the United States, it will make us make more enemies. Although, our relationship with the United States is already very bad. But However, the two sides did not really tear each other up. If a war starts, it means that this war will probably take a long time. Although, we have already made full preparations before the war broke out. However, The longer the war drags on, the worse it will be for us. Therefore, it is best for this war to end within two years. In that case, it will not have too much impact on the economy of the empire. Therefore, I think , as long as the Americans don't take the initiative to declare war on us, we'd better not go to war with them. In this case, it's in the best interest of the empire." Qin Tian said.

"Your Majesty, His Highness the Crown Prince is right. It has been half a year since the war started. Although we have made a lot of preparations before the

war. However, due to the impact of the war, the economy has inevitably been affected. If we can Ending the war within a year is undoubtedly the best result for the empire. If the war is dragged on for two years, our economy will be severely damaged. In that case, even if we win the war, it is still It's not cost-effective." Bernhard von Bülow, Prime Minister of the Empire, also said.

"Your Majesty, judging from the information we have obtained so far, the possibility of the Americans going to war with us is very small. They should have to do so more to cope with domestic pressure. As long as our attitude continues to be tough , They will definitely compromise in the end." Von Falkenhain also said.

King William II thought about it, and had to temporarily suppress the idea of bringing down the United States. Although, he also believes that the United States will be a major opponent of Germany in the future. Therefore, if the United States can be defeated in this war, it would be the best. However, because the national strength does not allow it, it has to be temporarily abandoned.

However, William II was not discouraged by this. Anyway, he is not very old. He believed that the United States could not be defeated in one fell swoop in this war, and it would be possible to defeat the United States in the next war in another ten or twenty years. He still has plenty of time to wait.

"Well, since everyone thinks that the Americans are just pretending. Then, we just need to be vigilant. If the Americans dare to take the initiative to attack, then we must not let them go. Catch them Take this opportunity and crush them in one fell swoop." William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Everyone replied.

"Everyone, the strategic center of the empire is still to defeat Britain and France and win this war. However, the government departments must also be

prepared. The territory we obtained from the Russians needs to be digested. Digest as soon as possible These territories can also make the strength of the empire take off as soon as possible." William II said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!"

Afterwards, everyone took their leave and left. William II's eyes fell on the map hanging on the wall. The territory of the German Empire has expanded a lot. If it can win in the follow-up war, Germany will dominate the whole of Europe. Such a result made William II very satisfied.

Chapter 394: Scared

The main force of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet, leaving Wilhelmshaven Naval Base, includes five 'Bavaria-class' battleships, five 'König-class' battleships, five 'Kaiser-class' battleships, five 'Helgoland-class' battleships and four The main battleships including the "Nassau-class" battleships have all left the port. The huge fleet sailed into the North Sea.

The actions of the German navy made the British navy on the other side of the North Sea very nervous. Churchill even ordered the Royal Navy fleet to prepare for battle to prevent surprise attacks by the German Navy.

At the same time, the main force of the German navy was exhausted, which also made Churchill feel a little bit tingling. The main force of the German Navy is too strong, there are as many as twenty-four battleships alone. Among them, ten battleships are equipped with 380mm main guns, ten battleships are equipped with 343mm main guns, and only four battleships are equipped with 305mm main guns. If the twelve battlecruisers of the German Navy are added, the German Navy has a total of thirty-six capital ships. This number is much higher than that of the Royal Navy. Even if the "Queen Elizabeth-class" and "Revenge-class" battleships are in service, there is still a big gap between them and the German Navy in terms of the number of capital ships. Not to mention, previous naval battles have proved that the capital

ships of the German Navy have almost an overwhelming advantage in defense and firepower. Therefore, if the Royal Navy wants to defeat the German Navy and reverse the situation, it may be even more difficult.

At least, Churchill intends to never fight recklessly with the German Navy before the capital ships that will be built later enter service. However, many things are beyond his control. The British Navy does not intend to fight a decisive battle, but the German Navy will not let them continue to develop. Among other things, once the no-fly zone is truly established, Britain's good days will come to an end. After overseas trade is completely cut off, Britain will be dragged to death alive. At that time, in order to solve this problem, the British navy will have to take the initiative to launch an attack to defeat the German navy and break the German navy's blockade of Britain. Therefore, in this war, the Royal Navy is undoubtedly at a disadvantage. It will be very difficult for them to reverse the situation and defeat the German Navy.

The British side did not forget to inform the American side of this news. Now Britain is eagerly looking forward to the fact that the United States can join the camp of the Allied Powers to fight, which makes them naturally please the United States in every possible way.

The main force of the German navy was exhausted, which really scared the U.S. government enough. Secretary of the Navy Daniels even suggested to President Woodrow Wilson to order their fleet to return immediately. After all, compared with the strength demonstrated by the German Navy, the US Navy is really far behind. The number of battleships alone is only one-third of that of the German Navy. In terms of combat effectiveness, it is probably only one-fourth or even one-fifth of the German Navy.

With such a disparity in strength, it is indeed not a wise choice to provoke Germany. If the German Navy wants to deal with the US fleet, they are definitely not opponents.

However, after careful consideration, President Woodrow Wilson still ordered the fleet to continue to operate according to the predetermined plan. The reason is mainly for the face of him and the US government. The words have been released, and the appearance has been made. If the fleet is ordered to return at this time, won't it make everything fall by the wayside? More importantly, he and the US government will also lose face because of this. Prestige will be lost as a result. If you want to seek re-election, it is even more idiotic. Therefore, Woodrow Wilson had to bite the bullet and continue to hold on.

Of course, in order to avoid a real misfire with Germany, which caused the United States to be unfortunately involved in this war, the U.S. Navy suffered a disastrous defeat. President Woodrow Wilson specifically asked the fleet led by Admiral Franz Fletcher to exercise restraint in this operation and try to avoid war with Germany. For them, this time the action has shifted from demonstrating against Germany to appeasing the domestic people. The actions of the German Navy have undoubtedly shown their tough attitude to the world. If the United States continues to be tough, there may only be one result, which is to lead to the outbreak of war.

Although doing so made both the U.S. government and the U.S. Navy feel aggrieved, there is no way around it! Can't really go to war with Germany? In that case, it is the most unfavorable for the United States.

Admiral Franz Fletcher, commander of the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet, who led the U.S. fleet to the east, remained silent for a long time after receiving an urgent telegram from the U.S. Navy Department. As an admiral, he certainly didn't want to encounter such a thing. However, this is impossible. He can also understand, who puts the strength of the US Navy at a complete disadvantage? If the strength of the U.S. Navy is stronger than that of the German Navy, it will not be like this.

In order to avoid any accidents, Admiral Franz Fletcher summoned the captains of the battleships and asked them to be more cautious in their next actions, making sure to avoid friction after encountering the German navy. Incident of gunfire. You know, many wars broke out suddenly because of emergencies. The U.S. Navy's actions this time are more like playing with fire. If you don't pay attention, it will detonate a war.

The U.S. government has been frightened, but the German Navy doesn't know it. Therefore, after receiving a telegram from the Ministry of the Navy, Lieutenant General Spei, the commander of the Breakthrough Fleet, ordered the Breakthrough Fleet to enter a state of emergency combat readiness.

Breaking through the light cruisers and destroyers of the fleet, they began to cruise the Atlantic Ocean, searching for the location of the US fleet. Only when they found the US fleet, could they accurately intercept it. After all, Germany does not want to really go to war with the United States. Therefore, it is undoubtedly the best to intercept the US fleet and let it retreat.

If the U.S. fleet is not intercepted, they will break into the no-fly zone designated by the German Navy. For the glory of Germany, they may have to really attack the US fleet. In that case, war will inevitably break out.

The submarine force of the German Navy also entered the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, looking for the US fleet. Although, the size of the US fleet is huge. But for the vast Atlantic Ocean, this is nothing at all. The entire search operation is tantamount to finding a needle in a haystack. However, as long as the American fleet continues to march towards Britain, the possibility of the German navy discovering them is still very high.

Chapter 395: Intercept

Germany and the United States, two powerful countries in the world, dispatched their navy to confront each other in the Atlantic Ocean, and there is a great possibility of war. This undoubtedly attracted the attention of the

world. Originally, the war between the Allied Powers and the Entente Powers was hailed as a battle for new world hegemony. Originally, Germany had already gained the upper hand in this war.

But now, the United States unexpectedly shows signs of joining, which undoubtedly makes this war more complicated and confusing. With the power of Germany, it has already gained the upper hand in the war with Britain and France. But if the United States joins in, whether this advantage can be maintained is very difficult to say.

It's just that anyone with a discerning eye knows it. Americans unless their brains are caught by the door. Otherwise, they would never be involved in the war at this juncture. Because, judging from the strong strength shown by Germany, even if the United States joins the war, it will be difficult to defeat Germany. At least, for a short time, Germany will still have the upper hand. By the time the industrial strength of the United States is transformed into military strength, Britain and France may not be able to persist. At that time, even if the United States is fully fired, it will still not be able to defeat Germany. The Atlantic Ocean is not only a natural barrier for the United States, but also restricts the outward development of the United States. Because, if the United States wants to project military power externally, it also needs to cross the Atlantic Ocean. This is simply not possible without the support of a strong navy.

Although the strength of the U.S. Navy is very strong, the potential for the future is also great. However, compared with the German navy that is now in full swing, there is still a big gap. This is the reason why the US government had to take such measures.

In the Atlantic Ocean in February, the temperature is very low and the sea water is cold.

A submarine of the German Navy is cruising in the mid-Atlantic waters. Although, the range of the German submarine is not too far. However, with the support of a large number of submarine supply ships, the German Navy's submarine force can still expand its activities to the mid-Atlantic waters, and even directly advance to the east coast of the United States. However, the United States and Germany are not at war, so apart from the occasional German submarine that will appear in the eastern waters of the United States, the main area of activity of the German Navy's submarine force is still the East Atlantic waters, especially the waters near the United Kingdom, especially the waters of Germany. Hunting area for the submarine force. In the past few months, countless British merchant ships have been sunk by them.

"Boss, we haven't found anything yet. What are the guys above thinking that we're going here to search for the US fleet. The Atlantic is so big, who knows which route the Americans will take?" A submariner confronted the boat. Major Doenitz said.

"Perhaps those Americans have been scared and fled back! After all, this time we can be said to be the main force!"

"Okay, stop talking nonsense. Now that the order above has been issued, do we have other options besides executing the order? Do you want to disobey the order? We have found traces of the US fleet. For us, It's still a great achievement," Major Doenitz said.

Although, he also believes that searching the US fleet in the Atlantic Ocean is like finding a needle in a haystack. But he also knew that if he wanted to intercept the US fleet, he had to discover the US fleet first. For this reason, the German Navy sent a large number of submarines and light warships to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean to search for the US fleet.

Major Doenitz and his submarine have been sailing on the surface of the sea and have not dived. Because in this way, the submarine can maintain a high speed and search a larger area.

Perhaps it is the reason why God favors Major Doenitz. This time, their luck was also better.

At noon on February 27, Major Doenitz's submarine spotted the US fleet in the mid-Atlantic waters.

"God! Did the Americans send out all their property?" Doenitz couldn't help sighing when he saw the huge fleet in the distance.

"I really don't know if the Americans want to go to war with the empire. However, if they dare to go to war with the empire, the imperial navy can easily destroy them!"

Major Dönitz nodded. Indeed, although the US fleet is very strong, there is still a huge gap between it and the Imperial Navy.

"Send a telegram to the flagship immediately, we have found the Americans." Major Doenitz ordered.

The submarine will soon report the news of the discovery of the US fleet to the battlecruiser "Mackenson", the flagship of the broken fleet. Vice Admiral Spee, ordered them to continue to follow the American fleet. At the same time, mobilize the fleet to rush to the location of the US fleet.

Although the speed of the submarine is not fast, if the US fleet keeps cruising at a low speed, there is no problem keeping up with them. But it is a pity that Major Dönitz and the others tracked the US fleet for a day before they were discovered. The U.S. Navy sent several destroyers to chase them away. Under unavoidable circumstances, Major Dönitz had no choice but to order the submarine to dive to avoid it. When they came up again, there was no trace of the American fleet.

However, since the traces of the US fleet have been exposed, it is obviously impossible to hide it any longer.

On March 1, a German submarine once again spotted the traces of the US fleet. However, at that time, the American fleet was not far from the British mainland.

"General, we have spotted the Americans. They are about 600 kilometers west of the island of Ireland. At their current speed, it is estimated that they will be able to reach the no-sail zone we designated tomorrow." A staff officer reported to Lieutenant General Spee.

"Command the fleet, move forward at full speed, and be sure to intercept the Americans." Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

"Yes, General. However, in terms of time, we may be too late."

"Which warship is the closest to the Americans?" Vice Admiral Spee asked.

"The light cruiser 'Konigsberg'."

"Let the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' rush over immediately and entangle the Americans. Find a way to buy us enough time." Lieutenant General Spee ordered.

"Yes, General."

However, it is undoubtedly very difficult to entangle the US fleet of as many as 12 battleships with a light cruiser with a displacement of less than 5,000 tons. However, this is also impossible. You can't let the US fleet break into the no-fly zone designated by Germany just because the main fleet can't arrive in time, right?

After receiving the order, the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' immediately rushed to the predetermined sea area.

Chapter 396: Impact

The light cruiser 'Konigsberg' is a new cruiser built by the German Navy. While Qin Tian paid attention to the construction of battleships, battlecruisers, submarines and aircraft carriers, he also attached great importance to the construction of small and medium-sized warships. Coupled with the unprecedented ample funding of the German Navy, the German Navy built a large number of capital ships while also building many small and medium-sized warships, which made the overall strength of the German Navy continue to rise.

The light cruiser 'Konigsberg' has a displacement of 5,500 tons, is equipped with three triple-mounted 150mm main guns, and has a maximum speed of 35 knots. This speed is not inferior to some destroyers. Therefore, during the break-up war against Britain, all light cruisers of this class were assigned to the break-up fleet.

"Sir, the flagship's telegram." The communications officer handed a telegram to a middle-aged officer.

The middle-aged officer took a look at the telegram and frowned involuntarily.

"General Spee really thinks highly of us! He actually asked us to intercept the American fleet. But the Americans shouldn't dare to open fire on us, right?" the middle-aged officer murmured.

Immediately, he ordered the battleship to turn around immediately, preparing to go to the predetermined sea area to intercept the US fleet.

This middle-aged officer is none other than the well-known Marshal Erich Raeder in later generations. Head of the Navy of the Third Reich. However, the current Erich Raeder is far from growing up. At the age of 39, he is just a lieutenant colonel in the navy, serving as the captain of the light cruiser "Konigsberg".

On March 2, the US fleet approached the no-fly zone designated by Germany.

"General, shall we continue to move forward? According to the no-fly zone designated by the Germans, we are only 50 kilometers away from them." A staff officer asked cautiously.

After all, it is very difficult to say what kind of reaction the Germans will have if they forcibly break into Germany's no-fly zone. If it is not done well, it will directly attack them. After the German Navy has demonstrated its extremely powerful strength, the generals of the US Navy, even if they are very angry in their hearts, have to think twice at the same time. Once the battle with Germany is detonated, the consequences are not something he can bear.

"Are there any German warships nearby?" Admiral Fletcher asked.

"General, no German warships were found nearby."

Admiral Fletcher thought for a while, and then said: "Command the fleet to move forward, and at the same time, guard the surroundings."

"Yes, General." Although the staff officer was a little hesitant about this order, he still carried it out meticulously.

"In the face of the no-fly zone of the Germans, it would be too shameful to withdraw back in such a desperate way. I want to see what they can do to us when we enter the no-fly zone of the Germans. If you run into a German warship, at worst, just get out." Admiral Fletcher had already made up his mind to break into the no-sail zone designated by Germany. Especially when there are no German warships around, this is undoubtedly an excellent opportunity.

However, when the U.S. fleet was more than ten kilometers away from the no-navigation zone designated by Germany, a German warship appeared

in front of them. This German battleship is the light cruiser 'Konigsberg'. They have rushed to this sea area before. However, it took a while to search for the traces of the US fleet. When they found the US fleet, they found that the US fleet was actually trying to break into the no-fly zone designated by Germany.

"Report to the flagship immediately, we have discovered the US fleet. The Americans are preparing to break into our no-navigation zone, and our ship has begun to intercept!" Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder ordered.

"Yes, sir."

The light cruiser 'Konigsberg' quickly greeted the US fleet. Although, the warships of the US fleet are much larger than the 'Konigsberg'. However, they acted very bravely, as if they were not afraid at all.

"General, a German warship has been spotted!" At the same time, the US fleet also spotted the light cruiser 'Konigsberg'.

"General, the Germans sent a clear telegram by radio, claiming that this is a no-navigation zone designated by Germany, and requesting us to evacuate this sea area immediately. Otherwise, it will be a provocation to Germany."

"Huh! Tell them, this is the high seas, and the U.S. Navy has freedom of navigation. Let them leave immediately." Admiral Fletcher ordered.

If they were forced back by a light cruiser of the German Navy, it would be too embarrassing. After all, there are as many as 12 capital ships in the US fleet, and there are countless other cruisers and destroyers. Those capital ships can easily tear the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' into pieces. Even among those cruisers, there are quite a few that can rival the 'Konigsberg'. Therefore, Admiral Fletcher took the warning of the light cruiser "Konigsberg" as a provocation from ants to elephants.

"Sir, the Americans say this is the high seas, let us leave." The staff officer ordered Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder.

"High seas? So what. After the empire has designated this place as a no-navigation zone, we have the final say here. Order the turrets to aim at the American flagship." Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder ordered .

"Sir, you...you don't want to attack the US fleet, do you? They will tear us to pieces." A fright flashed in the staff officer's eyes.

"Don't worry, this is just a warning to the Americans." Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder ordered.

The turret of the light cruiser of the German Navy turned and aimed at the USS Nevada, the flagship of the US fleet, which made Admiral Fletcher even more angry.

"Damn the Germans, what do they want? Are they so arrogant that a light cruiser can defeat us? Their 150mm main guns can't even tear our armor!" Admiral Fletcher sneered.

"Order the fleet and continue sailing. I want to see if the Germans dare to open fire. If they fire, immediately return fire and tear them apart! Anyway, they attacked us first, and we are only fighting back in self-defense." Admiral Fletcher gave the order.

The US fleet ignored the warning of the light cruiser "Konigsberg" and continued to advance, which made the situation even more tense.

Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder also frowned tightly. However, he quickly made up his mind.

"Order the battleship to advance at full speed. Since the Americans will not retreat, we will hit them! Our naval guns cannot tear their armor. However, our

bow can definitely tear their side armor." There was a smile on Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder's mouth.

Chapter 397: madman

Thick smoke billowed from the chimney of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg'. Under the pressure of the high-temperature steam, the steam turbine began to run rapidly, and the speed of the battleship immediately began to increase continuously.

A few minutes later, the speed of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' increased to more than 30 knots. On land, thirty knots might be nothing at all. However, for warships in the ocean, the speed of thirty knots is undoubtedly very fast.

Especially, at this moment, the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' is rushing towards the target, which is the battleship 'Nevada', the flagship of the US fleet. Such a move has even aroused the tension of the US fleet.

"General, the Germans are approaching us quickly." A US military staff officer roared in horror.

"What's going on? What do those Germans want to do?" Admiral Fletcher also exclaimed.

"Hell, they don't want to hit us!" said a US military officer.

Admiral Fletcher was stunned for a moment, subconsciously he wanted to order to fire and sink the light cruiser 'Konigsberg'. However, the words were already on the verge of his mouth, but he swallowed them back. Of course, with the strength of the US fleet, the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' could be easily sunk and torn to pieces. However, if they dare to open fire, it will inevitably lead to a war between the United States and Germany.

"Sir, what should we do now? The German battleship is getting closer and closer to us, and it is already very dangerous!"

"Warn them, stop advancing immediately. Otherwise, we will open fire!" Admiral Fletcher ordered with a livid face.

It's just that the light cruiser "Konigsberg" completely ignored the warning of the US fleet. At a speed of up to 32 knots, the battleship rushed towards the USS Nevada, the flagship of the US fleet.

"General, the Germans ignore us!"

"Crazy! Are those Germans a group of lunatics? Don't they know that if they dare to hit our battleship, it will be an act of war?" Admiral Fletcher roared loudly. In his eyes, the German naval officers and soldiers on the light cruiser "Konigsberg" of the German Navy have become lunatics one by one. However, it is that kind of lunatic who is undoubtedly the scariest.

"Sir, do we want to fire at them? At this distance, we have a very high chance of hitting them. As long as one main artillery shell hits, it can be severely damaged or even sunk. Our crisis can be resolved." suggested an officer.

"Idiot! If we open fire, then we will have to break out of war with Germany. No one can bear such consequences." Admiral Fletcher said with a cold face. Of course he wanted to give an order to sink the light cruiser of the German Navy. However, the consequences were not something he could bear. Therefore, he could only suppress the anger in his heart.

"Sir, what should we do then? Do we just watch the Germans crash into us? With the size and speed of the Germans' hull, it is certainly impossible to sink us. However, we can also be severely damaged."

"Order other destroyers and cruisers to **** us. If necessary, they can ram the German warship." Admiral Fletcher issued an order.

Since the German Navy wants to ram their flagship, they can naturally use the same means to fight back.

However, the response of the US fleet was still a bit slow. After the speed of the light cruiser "Konigsberg" has been fully increased, the light cruisers and destroyers of the US Navy that have not yet completed the speed increase cannot stop the light cruiser "Konigsberg" at all. Instead, it was avoided.

"Hans, very good, you did a great job. You are definitely the best navigator in the Imperial Navy." On the bridge of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg', Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder laughed heartily. .

"Of course, my dream is to drive a warship like a speedboat. If one day I can become the navigator of a battleship, that would be great!" The navigator, Major Hans, smiled.

"Hans, I promise, you will definitely have a chance. One day I will become the captain of a battleship, and I will definitely let you be my navigator!" Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder said very solemnly.

Time passed by every minute and every second, and the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' was getting closer and closer to the battleship 'Nevada'. They have successfully thrown off the American warships that came to intercept them, and aimed their bows at the weak midship of the USS Nevada.

"God! Those Germans are really crazy, they really dare to bump into it!"

"Idiot, turn around quickly, don't let the Germans hit you." Admiral Fletcher roared loudly. For the U.S. Navy, every battleship is an extremely valuable combat power. If they are hit hard, this will greatly damage their combat power.

"Very good, all posts pay attention, we are about to crash into an American warship. Everyone, hold on to the handrails so that you don't get thrown out." Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder ordered.

For a while, the German naval soldiers on the light cruiser "Konigsberg" all tightly grasped things that could fix their bodies, so as to avoid throwing them out due to the strong inertia when they hit. When the battleship is sailing at high speed, once it is thrown out, it means that it is vulgar.

"Damn it, make anti-collision preparations!" Admiral Fletcher saw that he couldn't get rid of the light cruiser "Konigsberg" of the German Navy, so he had to order anti-collision preparations with a livid face.

Now, he can only pray that the powerful defense of the battleship 'Nevada' can withstand the impact of the light cruiser of the German Navy.

"Boom!"

"Crunch!"

Under everyone's gaze, the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' slammed into the midship of the battleship 'Nevada'. Although the armor of the battleship "Nevada" is very thick, the armor of the midship part is also as thick as 343 mm. However, under the cutting of the sharp bow of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg', the armor was still torn open, making that tooth-biting sound.

However, after all, the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' is nothing more than a medium-sized battleship with a displacement of only more than 5,000 tons. Hitting a battleship with a displacement of up to 30,000 tons, the consequences can naturally be imagined. The bow of the entire battleship was almost destroyed. Of course, exchanging his own serious injuries for the serious injuries of a battleship of the US Navy, such a deal is undoubtedly very cost-effective.

Chapter 398: confrontation

"General, how are you?" On the battleship 'Nevada', a staff officer helped Admiral Fletcher who had fallen on the deck and asked with concern.

When it hit just now, the impact was so strong that Admiral Fletcher fell down. The white uniform of the admiral was even more stained with dirt. Dust and stains from coffee spilled on the deck and so on. In normal times, Admiral Fletcher would definitely be furious, and then immediately put on clean clothes. But now, he couldn't care less about it.

"Report the loss, what about our loss?" Admiral Fletcher asked.

"General, there is a big hole in the middle of the starboard side by a German warship. The damage control personnel are trying to plug the hole. However, it is very troublesome. Their suggestion is to close the adjacent watertight compartment." A staff officer reported road.

"In that case, what impact will it have on the battleship?" Admiral Fletcher's face became very ugly.

"General, in that case, the battleship will be tilted to a certain extent due to too much water. At the same time, the speed of the battleship will also be greatly affected. The main turrets will also be unable to continue shooting due to the tilt of the battleship. It must Return to the shipyard and make repairs." The staff officer continued to report.

"Bastard!" Admiral Fletcher couldn't help cursing.

Before encountering the main fleet of the German Navy, they lost a battleship first, and it was the most powerful flagship among these battleships. Although, it's just a heavy blow. However, the blow to the morale of the US Navy will undoubtedly be very large.

"Where are the German battleships?" Admiral Fletcher asked.

"General, the German warships didn't get any cheap. Their bows are all destroyed, and they have to return to the shipyard for at least several months."

"Idiot! One of our battleships was severely damaged, and the Germans only had one light cruiser severely damaged. In this comparison, it is obvious that we have suffered a loss, and we still suffered a big loss!" Admiral Fletcher cursed road.

Indeed, if calculated in this way, the U.S. Navy has indeed suffered a big loss. But, what else can they do?

"Very good, reverse immediately!" On the light cruiser "Konigsberg", Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder was very satisfied with the damage they caused to the battleship "Nevada". Although, he was not able to sink the opponent, which made Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder a little regretful. However, it is also very good to be able to obtain such a result. If it really hit and sank the American battleship, that would be a big deal. If it is not done well, the current situation will be further escalated.

"Yes, sir. However, our bow is also destroyed, and it is still flooded. We may have to return to the shipyard for repairs." The navigator said to Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder.

"Well, let's retreat immediately. We hit and injured the American flagship, and this is undoubtedly a hornet's nest. If we don't leave, if the Americans get angry, we may not be able to leave." Erich Raeder The lieutenant colonel ordered. After completing the intended purpose, it is obviously impossible to stay any longer. He knew that those Americans must have torn their hearts.

Although, the bow of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' was severely damaged. However, the powertrain is not affected. In the case of reversing at full speed, insert the bow of the battleship "Nevada" into the hull, and slowly withdraw. And this action couldn't help causing secondary damage to the battleship 'Nevada'.

"General, the German warship is going to escape!" A staff officer reported to Admiral Fletcher.

"Bastard! You hurt our flagship and want to run now. How is that possible? Surround them." Admiral Fletcher gave an order angrily.

"General, are we going to sink them?"

Admiral Fletcher gritted his teeth and shook his head. When the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' hit it just now, they didn't fire to sink it. Now, of course, it is even more impossible to fire and sink it.

"The Germans injured our flagship, we have to give us an explanation!" Admiral Fletcher said through gritted teeth. If possible, he would definitely order the sinking of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' without hesitation. However, reason made him suppress this thought.

At this time, a large number of warships appeared on the sea to the north. The main force of the German Navy's broken fleet arrived successfully. Twelve huge battlecruisers, leading a group of small and medium-sized warships, came aggressively.

"General, the German main fleet has appeared." A staff officer reported to Admiral Fletcher with a trembling voice.

"What?" Admiral Fletcher was also very nervous.

Especially when he used the binoculars to see the main force of the German Navy's broken fleet, his face was even more ugly. Although, the capital ships of the German Navy are all battlecruisers. However, he, who had obtained detailed information a long time ago, knew that those battlecruisers were difficult to deal with. That is a powerful battleship that can confront the battleships of the British Navy head-on! In terms of defense, even facing their battleships, I'm afraid they won't be able to find out where to go. Not to mention, the battlecruisers of the German Navy still have powerful firepower.

In particular, the 380mm main guns of the "Derfflinger-class" battlecruisers and the "Makensen-class" battlecruisers can completely penetrate the armor of any of their battleships.

The arrival of the main force of the German Navy's break-off fleet quickly attracted the attention of the US fleet. This also allowed the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' to escape easily.

The main force of the German Navy appeared, and the US fleet naturally did not dare to forcibly intercept the light cruiser "Konigsberg". In that case, I am afraid it will cause a new round of confrontation. Not everyone can afford such consequences.

On the battlecruiser 'Mackenson', Lieutenant General Spee is listening to the report.

"Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder, very good, courageous and decisive. I will report this to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince." Lieutenant General Spee smiled with satisfaction. Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder commanded the light cruiser "Konigsberg" and rammed the USS Nevada, the flagship of the US fleet. This is undoubtedly very beneficial to the German Navy. If the Americans dare to do it, they will be even more disadvantaged in the absence of a capital ship.

The German Navy's break-off fleet and the US fleet immediately confronted each other in this sea area. If the two sides are added together, there are more than 20 battleships!

Chapter 399: Word of mouth

"General, what should we do now? The main force of the Germans is coming. The German light cruiser that hit us also fled back."

"Bastard! Let the Germans hand over the light cruiser that deliberately rammed us. Their actions are completely provocative to the Republic of

America. The captain of the light cruiser must be handed over to us for trial!" Admiral Fletcher He ordered with a dark face.

The flagship was bruised, which was a slap in the face for the U.S. Navy and even the U.S. government. If there is no sign at all, where will this put their face!

"Yes, General." The staff officer nodded, and immediately went to send a telegram. However, he didn't think the Germans would follow suit. The fact that the Germans dared to hit their flagship directly just now shows how arrogant the German navy is.

It's just that Admiral Fletcher has already issued an order, so he can only obey it.

On the battlecruiser "Mackensen", the flagship of the German Navy's break-through fleet, Vice Admiral Spee was in a very good mood. Although, the fleets of the two sides are still facing each other. But no matter what, the German navy obviously has the advantage.

"General, Lieutenant General Erich Raeder requested to return. When they hit the American flagship, their own losses were not small, and they need to return to the country for repairs." The staff officer reported to Lieutenant General Spee.

"Well, they are allowed to return. In addition, send a destroyer to go back with them." Lieutenant General Spee ordered. This is naturally done to prevent the Americans from making small moves.

"Yes, General."

"General, the Americans claim that our light cruiser 'Konigsberg' rammed their flagship for no reason, and demand that we apologize to them and hand over the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' and Captain Erich Raeder to They deal with it!" The communications officer reported to Lieutenant General Spee.

"Ridiculous! Tell the Americans that they are trying to break into our no-fly zone. This is a provocation to the German Empire. The behavior of the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' is to protect the interests of the German Empire. It is absolutely impossible for us to The light cruiser 'Konigsberg' and Captain Erich Raeder were handed over to them," Lieutenant General Spee said.

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

The tough reply of the German Navy made Admiral Fletcher furious. However, apart from cursing a few words and venting his anger, he had no other way at all. Who put them at a complete disadvantage now? If further radical actions are taken, the conflicts will be intensified, and even lead to misfires. And this is exactly what the United States is trying to avoid.

The fleets of the two sides are more than ten kilometers apart. Through telegrams, you come and go to accuse each other, and there is a big war of words. However, the troops are strictly restrained to avoid provocative behavior that would escalate the conflict. Obviously, both sides do not want to further intensify the situation. Whether it is the Americans who have suffered losses or the Germans who have taken advantage, they are consistent in this regard.

The news that the light cruiser "Konigsberg" of the German Navy rammed and damaged the battleship "Nevada", the flagship of the US fleet, was also reported to the country as soon as possible.

"Haha! Well done. Your Excellency the Marshal, Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder, is completely a talent! I think his actions are worthy of recognition. I suggest that he should be rewarded. And, he should be rewarded. Promote him to a more important position!" Qin Tian laughed loudly.

Who Erich Raeder is, of course Qin Tian knows. He is the admiral of the Third Reich. He was in charge of the German Navy after World War I for fifteen years. Of course, in another time and space, the naval strength of the Third Reich was not very good, far inferior to the army and air force, so that they did not have much record in the war. However, gold will always shine. In this time and space, Erich Raeder also showed his talent. Qin Tian naturally wanted to use such a talent.

"Well, Your Highness. Lieutenant Colonel Erich Raeder is indeed a rare talent. He has already led the light cruiser 'Konigsberg' back. When he returns to China, the Admiralty will reward him and promote him. Military rank," said Marshal Count Tirpitz.

"How is the situation now? Are the Americans still confronting us?" Qin Tian asked.

"The Americans have not withdrawn, and they look like they won't let it go."

"Hmph! They're just putting on a show. If they really want to attack, they probably don't have the guts to do it again." Qin Tian snorted coldly, feeling very unimpressed by the Americans' actions.

"However, Your Highness. The U.S. government will definitely protest us again next time. Your Excellency the Foreign Minister must be busy again." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

"Haha! In this war, we must find something for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to do, right? Otherwise, wouldn't they be too idle? As for the protests of the Americans, simply ignore them. If the protests are useful, they will not There are so many disputes." Qin Tian couldn't help laughing.

The so-called protest is just because the strength is not as good as others, so they acted very angry. Isn't it the same for Huaxia in later

generations? After being bullied, I always protest. However, that didn't seem to work at all. Others still bully us. Therefore, the strength of freedom itself has become stronger, so that others will not dare to bully us, this is the last word. Those weak protests should be less frequent!

Indeed, the United States soon expressed a serious protest to the German government on the grounds that a warship of the German Navy deliberately rammed the flagship of the American fleet. The U.S. ambassador to Germany repeatedly questioned the Imperial Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter. U.S. Secretary of State Bryan even summoned the German ambassador to the U.S. to express the attitude of the U.S. government.

It's just that this is of no use at all. The two sides are still accusing and sparring constantly. Really played a role, almost no.

Of course, the U.S. government is also very angry at the damage to the USS Nevada battleship. When President Woodrow Wilson heard the news, he broke one of his favorite coffee cups. In his view, the actions of the U.S. fleet this time are just a pretense to deceive the domestic people. If the Germans cooperate, this matter will pass. But who knows, the Germans not only did not cooperate, but also took the most severe counterattack. This made President Woodrow Wilson feel as if he had been slapped severely.

Chapter 400: Compromise

"Gentlemen, Admiral Fletcher asked us, what should we do next? Should we continue to let the fleet stand there? The battleship 'Nevada' was seriously damaged. Although the watertight compartment was closed, it was still under construction. Water. Now it is more dependent on pumps to pump out the seawater pouring into the warship." Secretary of the Navy Daniels introduced to the ministers of the US cabinet.

President Woodrow Wilson frowned: "Minister Daniels, is the 'Nevada' really that badly injured? That is the best warship we have in service."

The flagship of the U.S. fleet was hit by a light cruiser of the German Navy and immediately lost its combat effectiveness. This made Woodrow Wilson very annoyed. No matter what, it is the flagship of the US fleet! When the Germans did this, they were clearly hitting them in the face. If it wasn't for his inferior strength, he would have ordered the fleet to launch a counterattack.

"Your Excellency, the Germans were too ruthless. Their light cruiser cut through the armor of the battleship 'Nevada' with its sharp bow. Although, the battleship 'Nevada' The displacement is six times that of the German light cruisers. But it is like stabbing beef with a knife. This makes the battleship 'Nevada' more injured than we imagined. If possible, it is best Let the battleship 'Nevada' return immediately and enter the shipyard for repairs. Otherwise, it will have a great impact on the performance of the battleship." Minister Daniels said.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded, he understood.

"Everyone, tell me, what should we do now?" President Woodrow Wilson looked at a group of people.

These ministers of the US cabinet, one by one, you looked at me and I looked at you, without saying a word. The problem now is really too difficult. The fleets of both sides made an appearance in the Atlantic Ocean that they were tense and might go to war at any time. However, in fact, the two sides are desperately restraining to avoid further deterioration of the situation. To put it bluntly, Americans just want to save face. But it's a pity that the Germans just don't give them face. As for the US government, is there any way to turn the table. So, it's stuck there now.

"Your Excellency, why don't you let the 'Nevada' be withdrawn. After all, it is our most powerful battleship, and it cannot be lost in vain." Secretary of State Bryan said.

"If we withdraw the battleship 'Nevada' in this way, we will only have 11 battleships there, one less than the Germans. If there is a fight, wouldn't it be even more disadvantageous?" Vice President Marshall was a little worried.

"Your Excellency, the withdrawal of the battleship 'Nevada' does not affect the overall situation. Judging from our analysis of the strength of the German fleet, even if the battleship 'Nevada' was not injured. Once a fight broke out, we would not possibly be a German adversary." Secretary Daniels shook his head.

Minister Daniels' answer undoubtedly made some senior officials of the US government feel a little uncomfortable. However, this is the fact, there is no way! Who made the current strength comparison like this?

"Your Excellency, in this case, it is better to withdraw all the fleet. Anyway, we are not the opponents of the Germans. Even if our most elite fleet is sent out, it will not be able to defeat the Germans. If we continue to stay there, it will be dangerous. The odds will increase further," suggested Treasury Secretary McAdoo. After all, such a huge fleet stays on the ocean, burning oil all the time. In addition to others, the cost will be very large.

"Then how do we explain it to the domestic people?" Obviously, the domestic people will definitely not accept the reality that the government is weak. In the end, coupled with the fueling of the hostile Republican Party, it might directly cause their government to collapse. Such consequences are obviously not acceptable to these cabinet ministers. One by one, they have achieved their current status and power with great difficulty, and no one wants to give up just like this.

"Everyone, our fleet has held back twelve advanced German battlecruisers. This is equivalent to holding back almost one-third of the German navy. In such a situation, under the circumstances, is it possible for the British to defeat the Germans? If the British can win, then we simply let the fleet stay there. It can

be regarded as our best effort to help the British.” Secretary of War Garrison suddenly Fantastic, such a suggestion was made.

President Woodrow Wilson couldn't help but shine. In his opinion, this is indeed a very good way. From the standpoint of the United States, it is natural that Britain and France can win the war. If Germany wins, a powerful European hegemon will emerge and pose a great threat to the United States. At that time, let alone the United States dominating the world, even if it wants to hold on to the American territory, it will be very difficult. A German Empire whose military power dominates the world will become a nightmare for other countries. On the other hand, Britain and France have been severely damaged by this war. Even if they win the war by luck, it will be difficult to recover in a short time. And that is undoubtedly the opportunity for the United States.

Well, now comes the problem. When the U.S. Navy dragged down the German Navy's breaking fleet, could the British Royal Navy defeat the German Navy's main fleet?

Everyone's eyes were on Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

"Your Excellency, gentlemen. This may be very difficult. Even if we hold off twelve German battlecruisers. However, the German High Seas Fleet still has 24 more powerful battleships. And the British Royal Navy, after experiencing After the previous series of disastrous defeats, the strength has been greatly damaged. Although the British Navy's new ten elite battleships have entered service, I personally don't think that their ten battleships plus one vote of obvious battleships are the same. It can defeat the elite troops of the German Navy. I think the British may not have this confidence. Their only hope should be placed on the subsequent warships. And the German no-navigation zone has realized the British With a complete blockade, it may be very difficult for

the warships of the British Navy to serve. The result is naturally conceivable." Minister Daniels said.

Suddenly, everyone in the meeting room fell silent.

After a while, President Woodrow Wilson said: "Let General Fletcher withdraw!"