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Chapter 411: Chaos

The sound of 'bang, bang' coming from underwater did not attract anyone's attention.

The water marks left by the six torpedoes sailing at high speed on the sea surface were also not found. The night became the best cover for the German submarine attack.

"Quick! Quick! Load the next batch of torpedoes. Turn immediately and aim at the next batch of targets." Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz ordered.

"Yes, sir."

The submariners were busy loading torpedoes, and at the same time, the submarine was turning. Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz was obviously planning to hit as many targets as possible this time.

The battleship 'War Spite' is the second of the 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships. This is a huge battleship with a displacement of 33,000 tons. It is equipped with four twin 42-caliber 381mm main guns, and more It is amazingly powerful. However, compared with the 380mm 50-caliber main gun equipped by the German Navy, it is undoubtedly much worse. In terms of artillery technology, Germany has a clear advantage.

The "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleship and the "Revenge-class" battleship have become the main battleships of the British Navy, and they are also the trump cards against the German Navy. It's just that the British Navy does not have much confidence in whether these two classes of battleships can really confront the powerful battleships of the German Navy. In the previous naval battles, the strength of the German navy and the advanced warships undoubtedly taught them a good lesson.

It is already late at night, and the sailors on the battleship 'War Spite' have already rested.

A British sailor walked out of the scene yawning, wanting to boo him. Although, there are toilets on the battleship. However, he still prefers to sprinkle directly into the sea.

It's just that when he just escaped from the guy and was about to release the water. His sleepy eyes suddenly widened.

"God! What is that?" The British sailor couldn't help but exclaimed. He clearly saw that the two water marks rushed towards their battleship more quickly. That thing looks like a torpedo sailing fast on the sea.

"Damn, that's a torpedo! Get up, we're under enemy torpedo attack!" The British sailors exclaimed. His shout, under the silent night sky, spread far, far away. It also attracted the attention of many officers on duty.

However, it was too late.

Two 533mm heavy torpedoes, under the terrified eyes of the British sailor, slammed into the hull of the battleship "War Spite".

"Boom! Boom!"

Immediately, two huge explosions sounded, and flames burst out from the side of the battleship 'War Spite'.

After the warheads of the two heavy torpedoes exploded, the huge power directly tore apart the underwater armor of the battleship 'War Spite'. Although the underwater armor of the battleship 'War Spite' is as thick as 330 mm, it still cannot resist it.

The huge impact caused the sleeping sailors in the battleship to fall under the bed one after another, and some of them were even injured.

The sea water poured into the battleship along the torn armor, making the situation of the battleship even more critical.

"God! What's going on? Did we get hit?"

"Damn, could there be some accident?"

The British sailors on the battleship 'War Weary' rushed out of the cabin in panic. Everyone knows that if they are really attacked, they will only be more dangerous staying on the battleship.

When these sailors rushed out, they happened to see that the side of the battleship was flooding with water. The damage control started immediately, but, in this dark situation, it is conceivable to want to plug the loopholes.

Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty, who were staying at the headquarters to discuss the issue, were also shocked by the explosion.

"What's going on? Did the ammunition depot explode?" Admiral John Jellicoe frowned. He didn't want such an accident to happen at such a critical moment.

"It doesn't look like it! It's the 'War Spite'. He seems to have been hit." Lieutenant General David Betty's face was a little ugly.

"It was hit, how is this possible?" Admiral John Jellicoe obviously couldn't believe it. After all, this is the home port of the Grand Fleet, and it can be regarded as their lair. The defense is so strict, not only there are so many warships, but also the coastal defense forts are also densely covered. Under such circumstances, how could it be possible to be attacked by the enemy?

"Boom! Boom!"

At this moment, two more loud noises came. I saw that the side of another battleship also burst into dazzling flames.

John? Jellicoe Admiral and David? Beatty Lieutenant General, suddenly stunned.

This was just the beginning, and then, there were two explosions again.

"Damn it, the submarine, it was the German submarine. We were attacked by the German submarine!" Lieutenant General David Betty said angrily.

"Warspite, Warrior and Conqueror were all hit!" Admiral John Jellicoe paled. He clearly remembered the berths of every capital ship in the Grand Fleet. These capital ships were attacked by torpedoes. Obviously, the situation would be very bad. Even if they were not sunk, they would be severely damaged. In this case, the strength of the Royal Navy will be further weakened in the next battle. It will be even more difficult for them to win future naval battles.

Violent explosions occurred one after another, and several capital ships were attacked, causing Scapa Flow to suddenly become a mess. The high-power searchlights have been turned on, and they are scanning back and forth on the sea, looking for targets. Destroyers are also being activated one after another, ready to catch the despicable raiders.

At this time, the German sailors on the U-037 submarine were loading torpedoes.

"No. 1 torpedo tube is loaded!"

"No. 2 is loaded!"

Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz was very anxious. There had been an explosion, though he didn't know if he had succeeded. However, what he had to do was to launch the remaining six torpedoes as quickly as possible, and then escape. Otherwise, they might not be able to escape.

"No. 6 torpedo tube is loaded!"

"Launch immediately!" Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz ordered immediately.

The submarine at this moment has completed its turn and aimed at a new target. It only needs to launch the torpedo. As for whether he could hit the target, Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz didn't care too much.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

6 torpedo tubes launched the torpedoes successively. Six torpedoes frantically fired towards their respective targets.

"Quick, dive right away, and run away. Guys, pray to God, we can escape alive and go back to Germany!" Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz said.

The U-037 submarine escaped, and at this moment Scapa Flow is in chaos.

Chapter 412: run away

"Hurry up, increase the speed to 10 knots. We must leave here as soon as possible." Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz ordered, with excitement and nervousness on his face.

There is no doubt that their operation this time has been successful. The explosions heard before undoubtedly indicated that the torpedoes they launched had hit their targets. Regardless of whether the torpedoes launched in the second round hit the target, their results this time are already very good. If the six torpedoes launched in the second round can hit one or two targets again, this will allow them to obtain greater results.

However, for Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz and other crew members, the most important thing is how to safely escape from Scapa Flow and return to Germany. Otherwise, the angry British will definitely tear them to pieces.

U-037 submarine began to drive quickly towards the waterway of Scapa Flow, trying to escape here. After they hit many of the capital ships of the British Navy, they have already angered the British Navy. On the surface of the sea, searchlights were flickering everywhere, and destroyers one after another began to search for suspicious targets. If they stay any longer, I'm afraid they will be sunk before long. Therefore, you must escape as soon as possible to ensure your own safety.

At this moment in Scapa Flow, the officers and soldiers of the British Navy's Grand Fleet have gone crazy. The sudden sneak attack caused them heavy losses. This is a disgrace to every soldier in the Royal Navy. They all want to do their best to find out the German submarine and destroy it to wash away their shame. Of course, even if they sank the German submarine, they would not be able to make up for the loss. The cost of a capital ship is more than twenty times that of a submarine!

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Suddenly, there was another explosion in Scapa Flow. The two battleships were hit again. This made the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy stunned.

"My God! The Colossus and Neptune are hit."

"Damn it, isn't there more than one German U-boat in it?"

The battleship 'Giant' and the battleship 'Neptune' are both dreadnoughts, equipped with 305 mm main guns, and their armor is weaker than that of super dreadnoughts. The battleship 'Giant' ate two heavy torpedoes, and two large holes were blown out of the waterline armor, and it began to sink directly. Although the battleship "Neptune" was relatively lucky, it only ate one torpedo. However, its weak underwater armor still couldn't resist, and a big

hole was torn open. Sea water is being poured into the hull of the battleship 'Neptune' frantically. Such an injury is already considered a serious injury.

John? General Jellicoe and David? Beatty Lieutenant General two, pale face. Originally, the Royal Navy was already at a disadvantage when facing the German Navy. Now, they have been attacked by German submarines in Scapa Flow, causing them heavy losses. In this case, the strength of the Royal Navy will be further weakened. When they face the German navy, their disadvantages will be even more obvious.

If it is said that the Royal Navy had a 20% chance of winning before, then now, they have almost no chance of winning.

It can almost be said that the Royal Navy is doomed to fail in future naval battles. Such a result is undoubtedly unacceptable to anyone. They lost the battle before it was fought. This made General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty very unwilling.

"Do our best to rescue the injured battleship! In addition, send more destroyers to search, and we must find the German submarine!" Admiral John Jellicoe said through gritted teeth.

Now he can only hope that those injured battleships are all slightly injured. If so, it won't be long before it can be repaired. If it is seriously injured, it will take more time. Obviously, the German Navy will never give them so much time.

Admiral John Jellicoe hated the German submarine that attacked them even more. If Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz and the others stood in front of him now, he would definitely kill them all without hesitation.

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General David Betty nodded. In his heart, he was also very negative. This time, the situation is undoubtedly worse! It has become more difficult for the Royal Navy to win future naval battles.

"Damn Germans, they are like mice, where are they hiding? Quickly, chase south. Depth charges are ready, blow those Germans out for me." The captain of a British destroyer ordered.

Soon, the depth charges are ready. These bucket-like depth charges were pushed into the sea by British naval soldiers.

"Boom! Boom!"

A dull explosion sound came from the bottom of the water, but what came up was nothing but a few dead fish.

The U-037 submarine of the German Navy, hiding underwater, trying to escape. Although their speed has increased to ten knots, compared to destroyers with a speed of more than thirty knots, their speed is still very slow.

"How long will it take us to escape Scapa Flow?" Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz asked.

"Sir, at the current speed, it will take at least another hour."

Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz couldn't help frowning tightly. For them, this hour is undoubtedly the most dangerous time.

The destroyers of the British Navy kept passing over their heads, so that they didn't even dare to raise their periscopes. Once discovered by the British Navy, it means certain death.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

A dull explosion sounded, it was the depth charge of the British Navy exploding. The shock wave generated after the explosion shook the underwater submarine. The German submarine soldiers inside were all pale, for fear that the submarine would be hit.

"Crunch! Crunch!"

This is the sound made by the pressure hull of the submarine. The huge water pressure formed after the explosion of the depth charge is also a huge test for the hull of the submarine.

Fortunately, the performance of the latest U-200 submarine is very good, and it successfully withstood the huge water pressure, so that the submariners of the German Navy could not help but breathe a sigh of relief.

Next, the British Navy's pursuit of the U-037 submarine continued, but it was not successful. It was not until after dawn that the British Navy gave up the pursuit. Because they didn't know that the German submarine had successfully escaped.

Although the North Sea is not big, it is also very difficult to hunt down a submarine in the vast sea.

Chapter 413: The prospect is worrying

The scenery of Scapa Flow was originally very beautiful. However, after a large number of warships of the British Royal Navy were stationed, the tranquility here has been completely disturbed.

Today's Scapa Flow is even more confused and mournful.

The sneak attack by the German submarine last night caused great losses to the Royal Navy. There were a total of five battleships that were hit. Among them, there are many cutting-edge capital ships such as the battleship 'Warrior' and the battleship 'Warrior'. The other battleships "Conqueror", "Giant" and "Neptune" are also the main battleships of the Royal Navy with heavy losses. However, just one submarine of the German Navy cost them such a big loss. For the Royal Navy, this is undoubtedly difficult for them to accept.

"Your Excellency, the damage assessment report has come out." The adjutant walked into Admiral John Jellicoe's office and reported to him.

At this time, the office was filled with smoke, as if a fire had broken out. Admiral John Jellicoe stayed up all night last night. How could he be able to sleep when he was attacked so badly?

General John Jellicoe sent a report, read it carefully.

Among the five battleships hit by the submarines of the German Navy last night, the most severely damaged were the battleships 'Warrior' and 'Warrior'. Because of their larger size, these two battleships became the focus of the U-037 submarine's attack. Two torpedoes hit the two battleships respectively. After the underwater armor was torn apart, the two battleships were seriously flooded. After the efforts of the damage control personnel, the two battleships were still unable to be saved. Now, the two battleships have sunk in the port. Most of the hull has sunk into the water. Although, with the technical strength of the United Kingdom, it is not a big problem to salvage these two battleships and then repair them. However, this obviously takes a lot of time. And now, what they lack the most is time.

The battleship 'Conqueror' was hit by two torpedoes at the same time. However, the damage was not serious. Their damage control response was prompt and the watertight compartments were closed. However, due to a lot of seawater pouring into the hull, the hull still tilted to a certain extent. The subsequent repair work is equally difficult and takes a lot of time.

The battleships 'Giant' and 'Neptune', because of their weaker armor, suffered more serious damage after being hit by torpedoes. It's just that it didn't sink directly. It will also take a lot of time to repair these two battleships.

"Damn it! Five battleships were attacked, two were sunk directly, and the remaining three were unable to participate in the battle for a short time. How should we fight this battle?" Admiral John Jellicoe had a very headache.

Originally, compared with the battleships of the German Navy, the battleships of the Royal Navy had a certain numerical advantage. However, if these five battleships are excluded, this will make the Royal Navy's numerical advantage no longer exist.

"General, how do we report to London now?" Lieutenant General David Beatty also looked very tired because of staying up late.

General John Jellicoe thought for a while, and then said: "Report truthfully! After all, it is impossible to keep a secret of such a big matter."

David? Beatty Lieutenant General nodded. There is no doubt that the sneak attack by the German submarine last night once again severely damaged the Royal Navy. Moreover, the face of the Royal Navy was also dealt a huge blow. It also makes the Royal Navy have little chance of winning in future wars. He could guess how angry Churchill, the Secretary of the Navy, would be when he heard the news. However, there is no way to do this. Who made Scapa Flow's underwater defense almost equal to zero? This allowed the German submarine to sneak in easily, launch the torpedo, and then leave calmly. From the beginning to the end, the British Navy did not even see the face of the German submarine. This is undoubtedly a shame for them.

"General, so many of our battleships have been severely damaged this time. I'm afraid the next battle will be difficult!" Lieutenant General David Beatty said. Obviously, he has no more confidence in the future decisive battle at sea.

"I know! But, do we have other options? The Germans dispatched submarines to attack us and succeeded. This will further fuel their arrogance. I think the Germans will soon provoke a decisive battle Go!" Admiral John Jellicoe sighed. If possible, he certainly hopes to delay the decisive battle for another year or two. In that case, the Royal Navy will be able to regain its strength. Even in the face of the powerful German navy, it is not impossible to win at all,

and it will definitely not be as embarrassing as it is now. However, Admiral John Jellicoe could feel that the decisive battle seemed to be about to begin.

"At worst, we'll hide in the military port and not fight." Lieutenant General David Betty said.

"Is this possible?" Admiral John Jellicoe shook his head.

David? Lieutenant General Betty was also silent for a while. Of course he also knew that it was impossible. Even if they hide in the military port, the Germans will not let them go. Although, the military port has complete coastal defenses. But those coastal cities in Britain will inevitably become the targets of German naval attacks. Even the capital may be attacked by the German navy. At that time, if they don't fight, is that still possible?

No matter how bad it is, as long as the German navy destroys the British coastal shipyards, then the battleships they are building can no longer continue to be built. The Royal Navy has no chance of defeating the German Navy.

Moreover, the United Kingdom is still under the blockade of Germany. Overseas trade lines have been completely cut off. Next, this caused a shortage of various materials in the UK. I am afraid that it will not be long before the British society will collapse. Under such circumstances, how could they go to war with Germany!

"No matter what, our decisive battle with the Germans must continue. Unless the government decides to admit defeat and surrender. Otherwise, we have to do our best to win the British Empire." John Jellicoe entered will say.

David? Betty Lieutenant General nodded in recognition of this. Indeed, they have no way out.

Chapter 414: Churchill's Roar

On the morning of March 14, Churchill, the British Secretary of the Navy, left home and got into a car to go to the Admiralty to work. He is also very busy in the current tense situation. In many cases, even rest in the office. It is also normal to eat and live in the office.

Last night, it was rare that Churchill had no other business to deal with, so Churchill went home and rested for the night. He has not been with his family for a long time.

"Oh, I don't know how long this kind of life can last. I hope the Germans can launch an attack later." Churchill sighed. As the Minister of the Navy, he knew that if he fought the Germans now, they would have almost no chance of winning. Even, in order to strengthen the strength of the Royal Navy, he planned to send those old former dreadnoughts to fight. Although, the performance of the former dreadnought is far from being comparable to that of the dreadnought. However, if the number is large enough, it may also be able to play a certain role.

However, Churchill has not yet made up his mind. Because if you do that, it will cause huge casualties to the Royal Navy. However, if in the end, there is no way to do it, then it is also a way.

"If the Grand Fleet of the Royal Navy can severely injure the Germans, or in other words, it will hurt both sides. Then, the final decisive battle may be decided by the pre-dreadnought ships. At that time, the dozens of pre-dreadnought ships of the Royal Navy, Maybe it will come in handy," Churchill thought secretly. If that is the case, then the British Navy still has a chance of winning. After all, in terms of dreadnoughts, they cannot compare with the German Navy. However, in terms of former dreadnoughts, the Royal Navy still has an absolute advantage.

Of course, if the battle has really reached that point, then the capital ships of the Grand Fleet may have all been lost. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the Royal Navy. But if the victory can be won in the end, then, no matter how big the loss is, in Churchill's view, it is completely worth it.

"May God bless the British Empire! We must win this battle." Churchill said secretly.

When he came to his office, Churchill found that the secretary was already waiting there. However, the expression on the secretary's face was unnatural, which made Churchill's heart tense. Because he knew that his secretary would usually only have such an expression when there was bad news.

But, what bad news can there be for the Royal Navy now? Their main fleet stayed in Scapa Flow and did not go to sea to fight the Germans. Under such circumstances, even if there is a loss, it should not be too big.

"What happened?" Churchill asked. Since there is bad news, there is no way to hide it. Instead of doing this, it is better to ask actively.

"Your Excellency, a telegram from the Grand Fleet Command." The secretary said to Churchill.

Churchill took the telegram and read it carefully. However, soon his face was as dark as the bottom of a pot.

"Bastard! How is this? Jellicoe and Betty, what are they doing? The heavily fortified Scapa Flow was unexpectedly attacked by a German submarine, and so many capital ships were lost! This made the following How can we continue fighting!" Churchill was furious. It was hard for him not to get angry at such news.

This morning, he also imagined that the Royal Navy might still have a slight chance of winning in future naval battles. As long as the large fleet can

cause heavy losses to the German Navy. Even achieve a one-to-one battle loss. In this case, they have the opportunity to rely on the number advantage of the former dreadnoughts to regain victory. But now, a sneak attack by a submarine of the German Navy has caused them to lose so many capital ships. How can we continue this battle? Churchill has completely lost confidence in the Royal Navy.

The secretary lowered his head and said nothing. Obviously, he had already guessed that Churchill would definitely get angry after reading this telegram. This is also impossible. Who made the big fleet lose so much this time?

"Let General Jellicoe and General Beatty come to see me immediately!" Churchill ordered angrily.

"Yes, sir." The secretary immediately went to send a telegram.

Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty, who were cleaning up the mess in Scapa Flow, did not dare to neglect after receiving the telegram from the Admiralty, and immediately set off from Scapa Flow by seaplane. Rush to London. They all knew that they would definitely be scolded if they went to London this time. However, there is nothing they can do. Who caused the Royal Navy to lose so much this time?

When John Jellicoe Admiral and David Beatty Lieutenant General arrived in London, it was already afternoon. The news that the Grand Fleet was hit hard again has also been reported to the cabinet. After Prime Minister Asquith learned of the news, he didn't even eat lunch. He directly asked Churchill to wait until General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty arrived and let them go to the Prime Minister's Office. Obviously, Prime Minister Asquith was very dissatisfied with the loss of the Grand Fleet.

"Your Excellency, we are deeply sorry for the loss last night!" Admiral John Jellicoe apologized as soon as he saw Churchill. After all, it was their negligence that caused the German submarine to sneak into Scapa Flow, causing the Grand Fleet to pay a heavy price.

"What about the damaged battleships?" Churchill said coldly. He was very disappointed with the performance of the Grand Fleet.

"Your Excellency, we have urgently arranged for repairs. Among them, the 'Conqueror', 'Giant' and 'Neptune' will take about a month. The 'War Spite' and 'Warrior' are seriously damaged and will take at least three months." It will take a month to repair it." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Churchill's face suddenly became even uglier.

"So, 'War Spite' and 'Warrior' will definitely be absent from the next decisive battle between us and the Germans?" Churchill asked.

"Your Excellency, if the Germans fight us within three months, these two battleships will indeed not be able to participate in the battle." Admiral John Jellicoe answered bravely.

"Do you think the Germans will give us more time?" Churchill asked rhetorically.

Suddenly, Admiral John Jellicoe was speechless.

Obviously, the current situation is becoming more and more critical, and the Germans will definitely not give them much more time. If it is not done well, the decisive battle will start within a month. This also means that none of the five battleships that were severely damaged could participate in the decisive battle. This will also make the Royal Navy's chances of winning even smaller.

Chapter 415: last resort

Downing Street, Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister Asquith's office.

After serving the coffee, the secretary withdrew. Only Prime Minister Asquith, Secretary of the Navy Churchill, Grand Fleet Commander Admiral John Jellicoe and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General David Beatty remained in the office.

"What the **** happened last night?" Prime Minister Asquith asked. Although, his voice was still calm. However, anyone who is familiar with him can feel that this is the reason why he tried hard to suppress his anger. Originally, Prime Minister Asquith was very pessimistic about the future situation of the war, but at this juncture, the Royal Navy actually suffered heavy losses, and this naturally made him unacceptable.

"General, this was caused by our negligence. We never expected that the Germans would send submarines to sneak into Scapa Flow for a sneak attack. We have already begun to install anti-submarine equipment in important waterways of Scapa Flow. It is absolutely impossible for the German submarines to enter Scapa Flow again." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

However, such an answer obviously cannot satisfy Prime Minister Asquith. After all, they had already paid an extremely heavy price under the sneak attack of the German submarine.

"Can the five damaged battleships catch up with our decisive battle with the Germans?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"Your Excellency, if the decisive battle is held in three months, all five battleships can catch up. If it is held in one month, neither the 'Warspite' nor the 'Warrior' will be able to participate. If the decisive battle is held in the near future, then I'm afraid the five battleships won't be able to keep up." Admiral John Jellicoe replied bravely.

Suddenly, Prime Minister Asquith's face turned as dark as the bottom of a pot. Originally, the Royal Navy's chances of winning were very small. This

time, it lost five battleships, which will undoubtedly make the Royal Navy's chances of winning even smaller. It can even be said that there is no chance of winning. Such a result naturally made Prime Minister Asquith unacceptable. Although, when the Germans offered harsh conditions and refused to enter into peace talks with the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Asquith guessed that this would be the result. However, there is still a trace of luck in his heart. That is, the Royal Navy can perform extraordinary in naval battles and help the British Empire win a brilliant victory, just like the Trafalgar naval battle commanded by Marshal Nelson.

But now, the German navy has shattered his little hope with practical actions. Such a contrast naturally made Prime Minister Asquith somewhat unacceptable.

"If we have a decisive battle with the Germans in the near future, how likely is the Royal Navy to win?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"Your Excellency, the chances of winning are very, very small. Right now, the Germans have too much of an advantage. If it is a decisive battle in the near future, we can even add the 'Agincourt', 'Canada' and 'Ireland' There are only 24 battleships. In terms of number, it is the same as the number of German battleships. However, in terms of combat power, it is much worse. The performance of German battleships has been learned through previous battles. We have arrived. We have to admit that their single-ship performance is far stronger than ours. Therefore, our chances of winning are very small." Admiral John Jellicoe said.

"Your Excellency Churchill, what do you think?" Prime Minister Asquith looked at Churchill.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, judging from the current situation, the possibility of the Germans fighting us in the near future is very high. They will not let go of such a good opportunity." Churchill said.

"That is to say, are we doomed this time?" Prime Minister Asquith couldn't help closing his eyes in pain.

All the people were silent. Obviously, they also thought that this time there was probably no chance of winning.

"Your Excellency, I have a method that may turn our defeat into victory." Churchill said suddenly.

"Oh? What can I do?" Prime Minister Asquith hurriedly asked, his expression seemed to be the last straw.

"Since the decisive battle between us and the Germans is inevitable. Then, I ask the Grand Fleet to destroy the German battleships as much as possible when they are in the decisive battle with the Germans. The more they are sunk, the better. All the battleships of the Grand Fleet will be sunk, and more than 80% of the German capital ships will be sunk." Churchill said.

General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty shuddered. From Churchill's words, they heard how cruel the future naval battle would be. If the combat mission given by Churchill is to be completed, then in future naval battles, the Grand Fleet is very likely to be wiped out in a decisive battle with the Germans. Of course, there is no guarantee that Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty will be able to cause greater losses to the Germans.

"Churchill, why?" Prime Minister Asquith asked. He couldn't understand why Churchill would say that.

"Your Excellency, if the Grand Fleet can sink the German capital ships as much as possible, then our pre-dreadnought ships will be able to come in handy in the next battle. Even if all our capital ships are lost, we will still have dozens of pre-dreadnought ships, which still have enough strength to fight the Germans again. Moreover, we will still have the advantage.

No matter how bad it is, the German navy, which suffered heavy losses, cannot continue to block us. We can obtain the resources we urgently need from North America and India, so that our follow-up capital ship construction plan can be carried out smoothly. In another two years, we will have enough capital ships to compete with the Germans for sea power. I believe that the sea power in the future will still belong to us. said Churchill.

After hearing the plan, Prime Minister Asquith couldn't help but nodded. Although, this plan is very cruel, and all the warships of the Grand Fleet are going to fight the Germans desperately. However, listening to Churchill's introduction, it seems that there is also a good chance of winning! If you can win, it is naturally the best. Even if it will cost a lot of money, in the eyes of Prime Minister Asquith, it is totally worth it.

General John Jellicoe and Lieutenant General David Beatty were pale. Obviously, they were also shocked by Churchill's crazy battle plan. This is clearly to let them sacrifice themselves and strive for favorable conditions for the follow-up battle! However, at this time, can they still refuse?

Admiral John Jellicoe took a deep breath, and then said: "Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency the Secretary of the Navy, the Grand Fleet will do its best to achieve this strategic goal!"

Chapter 416: Hero

On the night of March 13, the German Navy, the Imperial Crown Prince Qin Tian, and the Minister of the Navy, Marshal Count Tirpitz, all stayed here. They are all waiting for news from submarine U-037.

"His Royal Highness, count the time. Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz and the others have already arrived at Scapa Flow, right? But, can they successfully sneak into the heavily guarded Scapa Flow?" Marshal Count Tirpitz said to Therefore, I am still a little less confident. In his opinion, such a battle plan is really too risky.

"Well, the time is almost up. As for whether they can successfully sneak into Scapa Flow, it depends on the performance of Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz and the others. It is God's will. This time the battle plan is indeed very risky. However, if they If it succeeds, it will definitely bring us a major victory," Qin Tian said. A submarine carrying torpedoes sneaked into Scapa Flow and fired torpedoes at the warships moored on the pier. It would undoubtedly be a sure thing. Even if the battleship of the British Navy cannot be sunk, it should not be a problem if it is severely damaged. In this case, the German Navy will gain a greater advantage in the next decisive battle.

As for whether Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz will succeed, Qin Tian doesn't know. He knew that in the early days of World War II, a German submarine successfully did it. Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz's ability is beyond doubt. The performance of the U-200 submarine will not be worse than that of the U-boat during World War II. More importantly, the British's underwater defense in Scapa Flow will not be stronger than during World War II. From this point of view, Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz's U-037 submarine is still very likely to succeed.

In addition, Dönitz was also a famous person in another time and space. He was the commander of the submarine force of the Third Reich. His personal ability is naturally very prominent. Therefore, Qin Tian also believed that he would not die in Scapa Flow so short-lived.

"Your Highness, I hope they can succeed. If they can successfully sneak into Scapa Flow and severely damage one or two capital ships of the British Navy, this will be a great victory." Marshal Count Tirpitz said with a smile.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, if they are successful, I think their results should be much more than that. After all, if a submarine attacks a battleship moored at the dock, the hit rate is almost guaranteed." Qin Tian said with a smile.

During the chat between Qin Tian and Marshal Earl Tirpitz, time passed slowly. Soon, it was dawn. But there was still no news, which made Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz even more anxious.

"Your Highness, our intelligence agencies have mobilized all their strength, and I believe there will be news soon." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

"Well, maybe Doenitz and the others are still avoiding the pursuit of the British, that's why they didn't send back the news in time. This may be good news. Only when the British suffered heavy losses, they would chase Doenitz crazily. School them." Qin Tian said.

Qin Tian's guess is correct. Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz and U-037 submarine are indeed avoiding the pursuit of British destroyers. When they evacuated Scapa Flow, because the battery was about to run out, they could no longer continue to dive. Therefore, the U-037 submarine had to take the risk of going up and recharging the submarine with diesel engines.

However, before their batteries were fully charged, they encountered a British destroyer. This made the U-037 submarine have to dive urgently to avoid it.

It's just that the tragedy is that the British destroyer seems to have discovered the U-037 submarine, and after crazily catching up, it immediately began to drop depth charges. This made the U-037 submarine have to dive as far as possible to avoid those depth charges.

The destroyer of the British Navy left after raging for a long time. The U-037 submarine escaped unharmed. If the British destroyers continued to attack and dive, maybe they would really be sunk.

After resurfacing, the U-037 submarine began to return. It's just that, in order to avoid the British destroyers, they had already run far away. The radio station carried by the submarine was also damaged, making it impossible for

them to report the specific situation to the country, so they could only find a way to return to the country first. This is also the reason why neither the Ministry of the Navy nor Qin Tian was able to receive the news in time.

German intelligence agencies have been operating at full capacity since March 14 to collect intelligence on Scapa Flow. Last night, the flames of Scapa Flow were soaring into the sky, and there were constant explosions, which naturally could not be hidden from people living nearby. As the home port of the British Navy's large fleet, Scapa Flow is naturally the focus of German intelligence agencies.

In the afternoon of the same day, the German intelligence agency learned the relevant news. Scapa Flow was attacked by a German submarine last night, and five battleships of the British Navy fleet anchored here were severely damaged.

"Your Highness, Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz and the others succeeded. They severely damaged five battleships of the British Navy, including elite battleships such as the battleship 'Warrior' and the battleship 'Warrior'. We will win the next naval battle." Marshal Earl Tirpitz smiled.

"Although there is no capital ship that can sink the British, it is pretty good to be able to cause heavy damage to it. At least, the five battleships will not be able to participate in the next decisive battle. This will make our advantage further In the next battle, our chances of winning will be even greater!" Qin Tian was also very happy.

"However, is there any news about Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, not yet. However, I believe that they will return safely." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

Qin Tian nodded and didn't say much.

As long as Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz and their U-037 submarine are not sunk, they will definitely be able to return. Qin Tian also had great confidence in them.

Knowing that on the evening of March 16, Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz and the U-037 submarine returned to Wilhelmshaven.

When their submarine sailed into Wilhelmshaven, all the warships whistled to welcome them. After receiving the news, Qin Tian, who came specially from Berlin, Marshal Count Tirpitz, Admiral Reinhard Scheer, Commander of the High Seas Fleet, and Lieutenant General Franz von Hipper, Chief of Staff, all Welcome them to the pier.

There is no doubt that Lieutenant Colonel Doenitz, who sneaked into Scapa Flow alone and severely damaged five battleships of the Royal Navy, and the entire crew of the U-037 submarine, have now become heroes of the entire Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Dönitz was later promoted to captain of the navy.

Chapter 417: The time is ripe

"Tirpitz, you did a great job. I never thought that a single submarine could seriously damage five British battleships." William II smiled all over his face. When the navy formed a submarine force, William II was not very optimistic. After all, submarines can only hide underwater and launch torpedoes, which are far less powerful than surface warships.

However, as the war progressed. The role of submarines has also emerged. During the battle, the British Navy was very embarrassed. This also surprised William II a little. However, at that time, he believed that submarines would at best play a very strong role in combat.

But now, when a submarine faces a large surface warship, it also shows a strong attack power. A small submarine actually severely damaged five

battleships of the British Navy, which shocked William II very much. He also knew that He underestimated the submarine's attack power.

"Yes, Your Majesty. The power of submarines has indeed far exceeded our expectations. The Empire has such powerful submarines and excellent submarine soldiers, which will make the Imperial Navy even stronger." Marshal Count Tirpitz said.

King William II nodded in satisfaction.

Qin Tian smiled and said nothing, this was only part of the power displayed by the submarine. Of course, due to the current technological conditions, many performances of submarines cannot be realized. Those submarines of later generations can be regarded as real underwater killers. The current submarine is nothing more than a boat that can dive.

"Denitz is a talent, we have to reuse that kind of talent." William II continued.

"Yes, father. Doenitz has now been promoted to colonel in an exceptional way. Next, he will hold a more important position in the empire's submarine force." Qin Tian said.

"Well, that's right. Now the British navy has been severely damaged by us. Can we start the decisive battle with them?" William II asked eagerly.

According to their combat plan, the navy will fight the British navy first, and then it will be the army's turn to fight the British and French allied forces. Seeing that it is already mid-March, it has entered spring. If time drags on, half of the year has passed.

"Your Majesty, we have finished our preparations. Now, it is indeed time for a decisive battle with the British Navy. The battleships they have been severely damaged cannot be repaired without more than a month. Therefore, it is now our decisive battle with them The best time to do so," said Marshal Count

Tirpitz. He is also very excited. The German Imperial Navy has been waiting for this day for a long time.

It has been more than 20 years since the development of the German Navy. The goal they set was to challenge the Royal Navy and pull the British from the throne of maritime supremacy. Judging from the current situation, they are undoubtedly close to achieving this strategic goal.

"So, we will win this battle, right?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, the Imperial Navy now has a great advantage in terms of capital ships. Therefore, our chances of winning are very high." Marshal Earl Tirpitz seemed very confident.

"In terms of capital ships, the British Navy now has five 'Revenge-class' battleships, three 'Queen Elizabeth-class' battleships, one 'King George V-class' battleship, three 'Orion-class' battleships, and one "Giant class" battleships, three "St. Vincent class" battleships, three "Belle Luofeng class" battleships and one "Dreadnought" battleship. In addition, the British also detained without authorization the ships built for the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic of Chile. The battleships are the battleship 'Agincourt', the battleship 'Ireland' and the battleship 'Canada'. In total, the British Navy has only 23 battleships. In terms of battlecruisers, they only have 1 left' Tiger' battlecruiser, two 'Lion-class' battlecruisers, one 'Indefatigable-class' battlecruiser and two 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers, there are only six ships in total, which is only equivalent to the battlecruisers of the Imperial Navy. It is only half of the cruisers. Therefore, whether it is in the number or performance of capital ships, the Imperial Navy has an absolute advantage. As long as the British Navy dares to go to sea to fight, then we have absolute confidence to defeat them. What's more, the Imperial Navy In this battle, the navy will also use secret weapons to ensure that the British navy will be defeated in one fell swoop." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

"Secret weapon? What is that?" William II asked. After the German navy became stronger, William II's attention to the navy has decreased. In addition, the German Navy deliberately kept the aircraft carrier secret, so Wilhelm II did not know the specific situation.

"Father, the aircraft carrier we built has completed training and can be put into actual combat. Although the current carrier-based aircraft can only carry light aviation torpedoes, their power is limited. But if they are hit consecutively, they can still penetrate the main force of the British. What's more, the capital ships of the British Navy have always been known for their weak armor. Even light aviation torpedoes have a high chance of penetrating their armor." Qin Tian said.

"Well, if this is the case, then our chances of winning will be even greater." William II was very satisfied.

"Yes, Your Majesty. The Imperial Navy will win this battle, and no one can prevent us from winning. Unless it is God!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz said confidently.

"God has abandoned the British, and he will not care about the life and death of the British." William II said.

"Haha!" Both Qin Tian and Marshal Count Tirpitz couldn't help laughing. Indeed, judging from the current situation, God seems to have really abandoned the British. Otherwise, the British would not have been suppressed so miserably.

"However, father, the biggest problem now is that if the British avoid fighting instead of fighting, we may have to use some means to force them out." Qin Tian said.

"Oh? What are you going to do?" William II asked.

"We use capital ships to bombard the coastal cities of the British, especially their shipyards, which will become the primary target of our attack. In this case, I am afraid that some civilian casualties will inevitably be caused. This is for the reputation of the empire. I'm afraid it will have some impact." Qin Tian said.

William II thought for a while, and then said: "It doesn't matter, you go ahead and do it! As long as you can defeat the British and kill some civilians, what does it matter? What's more, who told the British not to go to sea to fight us? It's all what they asked for."

"Yes, father!" Qin Tian nodded. With the authorization of Wilhelm II, everything is even easier.

Chapter 418: battle plan

March 16, 1915, Berlin, Admiralty. Imperial Crown Prince Qin Tian, Minister of the Navy Marshal Count Tirpitz, Chief of Naval Staff Marshal von Pohl, Commander of the High Seas Fleet Admiral Reinhard Scheer, Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Franz von Hipper, Lieutenant General Maximilian von Spee, Commander of the Breakthrough Fleet, all gathered in the Admiralty.

Today, their task is to choose an effective combat plan from among the many combat plans.

"Everyone, the next battle will be a decisive battle between us and the British Royal Navy. This is directly related to whether we can defeat the British Navy and become the supremacy of the sea. For decades, the Imperial Navy has been preparing for this decisive battle. Now, the time is finally ripe." Qin Tian said looking at a group of senior navy generals.

Indeed, in order to bring down the British Navy, the German Navy has been preparing for a long time. Especially after William II came to power, he unreservedly provided support to Marshal Earl Tirpitz, which made the

German navy begin to catch up with the British navy. The emergence of Qin Tian made up for the shortcomings of the German navy, allowing them to surpass the British navy in just over ten years.

"Through one naval battle after another, we have successfully gained an absolute advantage. Then, it is time for us to turn our advantage into victory. In this battle, the Empire will win. I hope everyone can understand this Be confident." Qin Tian continued.

"Your Highness, everyone has been looking forward to such a day. I think, with such a big advantage, if we both lose the war, it would be too unreasonable. Of course, I also think that, It is impossible for us to lose." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said.

Others also expressed their opinions, thinking that this time the German Navy will definitely win. Everyone is full of confidence in this battle.

"General Scheer, has the specific combat plan for the High Seas Fleet been finalized this time?" Qin Tian asked.

"His Royal Highness, after discussion, we have finalized the battle plan. Three days later, that is, on March 19, the main force of the Imperial Navy's High Seas Fleet will leave Wilhelmshaven and head straight for Scapa Flow. If the British If people are brave enough to go to sea and fight us, it would be great. If the British dare not go to sea to fight, then we will force them to go to sea to fight. All capital ships of the broken fleet will return to cooperate with the High Seas Fleet In this battle, General Spee and General Hipper will each lead six battlecruisers. Among them, General Spee will lead the battlecruisers to attack the coastal cities in northern England, forcing the British Navy to go to sea for a decisive battle. General Hipper will lead the The remaining six battlecruisers are closely monitoring the movements of the British. After discovering the formation of the British battlecruisers, they will immediately attack and disable them. After the main force of the British navy goes to sea to

fight us, the High Seas Fleet will be in the North Sea. The final decisive battle with the British Navy. The battlecruiser formation will participate at the right time to attack the rear of the British Navy to ensure that the Imperial Navy can win this battle. In addition, the aircraft carrier of the Imperial Navy will also Will go to war, attack the British capital ship, and further weaken the strength of the British navy." Admiral Reinhardt Scheer said.

The battle plan chosen by the German Navy's High Seas Fleet is unremarkable. To put it bluntly, it is to use its powerful strength to directly crush the British navy. There is no use of tricks or anything like that.

Qin Tian quite agrees with this. After all, why is it necessary for the German navy to use tactics when it has such a big advantage? With direct and strong strength, it can crush the British navy.

"What if the British insist on avoiding war? Then we can't just wait like this?" asked Marshal von Pohl, chief of naval staff.

"If the British still avoid war, then we will destroy all the coastal cities of the British from north to south. Even London will be bombarded. I believe that by then the British will never be able to shrink their heads again. Even if they want to continue shrinking, the British people will not allow it. Besides, if the coastal cities of Britain are destroyed by us, will the British still have the strength to continue this war?" Reinhardt ? Admiral Scheer said.

The most important cities in the UK are mostly in the coastal areas. Even London is at the mouth of the Thames. As long as the main fleet of the German Navy knows the forts along the coast, it can directly bombard London with naval guns. Even its own capital was shelled, how can the British navy shrink back? Besides, destroying all the shipyards along the coast can further weaken the war potential of the British Navy.

Although, it seems too **** to destroy all the coastal cities in Britain. However, each of these generals knew that in order to win, no matter how high the price was, it was worth it. Let alone just turning enemy cities into ruins.

"Do you have any questions about this?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, if too many civilians die, I'm afraid it won't be good." Marshal von Pohl said.

"It is true that if too many civilians die, it will have a certain impact on the reputation of the empire. However, compared to winning the war, even the damage to the reputation is worth it." Qin Tian said.

Marshal von Bohr nodded, and said no more. He can also understand that, after all, Germany has made a lot of efforts for this victory. Now, it's finally time to win, so naturally they don't care so much.

"Everyone, in this battle, we must not only defeat the British, but also win the victory at the lowest possible cost. After all, our enemies are not only the British. The Americans on the other side of the ocean, although they are forced by us We retreated. However, that was only a temporary retreat. If we lose too much in the decisive battle with the British, they will definitely show up immediately." Qin Tian emphasized.

"Yes, Your Highness." Everyone nodded.

The strength of the German navy is stronger than that of the British navy. However, the number of capital ships did not form an overwhelming advantage. Therefore, in this battle, the German Navy had better lose some capital ships. Otherwise, it will not be conducive to the consolidation of the German Navy's subsequent sea power.

Defeating the British Navy was only the first step for the German Navy to seize sea power. Next, you have to subdue the navies of other countries. If

there is a little carelessness, the sea power in hand may change unexpectedly.

Chapter 419: The fleet goes to sea

On the evening of March 19, 1915, Wilhelmshaven Naval Base, Germany.

Emperor William II of the Empire, Crown Prince Qin Tian, Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow, Minister of the Imperial Navy Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Imperial Army and Chief of the General Staff Feng Marshal Kenhein...

All the leaders and rulers of the empire gathered in Wilhelmshaven. Their purpose is only one, and that is to see off the Imperial Navy High Seas Fleet. This time, the Imperial Navy High Seas Fleet will go to the North Sea, looking for an opportunity to fight the British Navy. Whether Germany can pull Britain down from the throne of world hegemony in one fell swoop will be crucial.

In the port, warships are ready to leave the port. The boiler was already burning and began to accumulate steam. Officers and soldiers in white navy uniforms lined up on the deck. This moment is an extremely important day for the entire German Navy. Because, starting today, they will make history anew.

"Officers and soldiers of the Imperial Navy, I am your emperor. You are about to go to a decisive battle with the British Navy for the German Empire. I sincerely wish you victory in this battle. The Imperial Navy has developed to the present, using It has been decades. Before, we have been suppressed by the British. Now, we finally have the strength to challenge the British. I believe that God will bless us! The German Empire will win!" William II said to The officers and soldiers of the Imperial Navy's High Seas Fleet announced their plans.

As the top power in the world, Germany has always been dissatisfied with what happened to itself. Because Germany was unified in 1870. By the time

they rise, the world has already been divided up by Britain, France and other countries. Therefore, Germany has great strength, but has acquired very few colonies. This does not match Germany's strength at all. Therefore, Germany has always wanted to re-divide the world through war.

Of course, this is also of great benefit to ordinary citizens. If Germany can win the war, the country can gain huge benefits. People's lives will also be improved as a result. Therefore, the German people also support Germany in this battle. This also made the soldiers participate in this battle with great enthusiasm. They also hope to pass this battle and gain glory.

William II's speech came to an end soon. The officers and soldiers of the Imperial Navy burst into cheers.

"Long live Your Majesty! The German Empire will win!"

As the strength of the German Navy became stronger and stronger, it repeatedly defeated the Royal Navy, which made the officers and soldiers of the German Navy more and more confident in this naval battle. Almost all naval officers and soldiers believed that they would definitely be able to win this battle.

The expedition ceremony ended soon, and the warships of the High Seas Fleet began to sail out of the naval port and into the North Sea in accordance with the scheduled formation.

At this moment, the sun is sinking into the sea. The afterglow of the setting sun, sprinkled on these warships, is very spectacular and shocking.

These ships of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet were grouped because of the large number. The 1st Battleship Squadron is composed of five 'Bavarian-class' battleships. Admiral Reinhard Scheer is also the commander of this squadron.

The 2nd Battleship Squadron, consisting of five "King-class" battleships, was commanded by Rear Admiral Schmidt.

The 3rd Battleship Squadron consists of five "Caesar-class" battleships, commanded by Rear Admiral Engelhart.

The 4th Battleship Squadron consists of five "Helgoland-class" battleships, commanded by Rear Admiral Mao Fu.

The 5th Battleship Squadron consists of four "Nassau-class" battleships, with Rear Admiral Burdick as the commander.

The 1st Battlecruiser Squadron consists of three "Makensen-class" battleships and three "Blücher-class" battleships, with Lieutenant General Hipper as the commander.

The 2nd Battlecruiser Detachment consists of three "Derfflinger-class" battleships and three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers, with Lieutenant General Spee as the commander.

In addition to capital ships, there are several cruiser units, destroyer units and so on.

Of course, as the main force of the fleet and the decisive force in this naval battle, it is still the main fleet composed of battleships and battlecruisers. Cruisers and destroyers, more in this battle, are responsible for detection and protection tasks.

When necessary, they can also launch lightning strikes to attack the enemy fleet. The naval guns of these small and medium-sized warships do not pose any threat to capital ships. However, the heavy torpedoes they carry can pose a fatal threat to capital ships.

The active ships of the High Seas Fleet this time, if all the large and small ships are added together, there are more than 120 ships, which is much more than in another time and space.

Of course, the total number is less than that of the British Navy's large fleet. Although the Royal Navy suffered heavy losses in many naval battles. But a lean camel is bigger than a horse. The foundation of the Royal Navy still exists. In addition, in terms of small and medium-sized warships, the British Navy undoubtedly has an advantage. Of course, this is only a numerical advantage. In terms of performance, the existence of Qin Tian, a guy who is similar to cheating, has greatly improved the performance of not only the capital ships of the German Navy, but also the performance of these small and medium-sized warships. Therefore, although the Royal Navy has an advantage in numbers. But if they really want to fight, they can't take any advantage at all.

After the High Seas Fleet left Wilhelmshaven, the two aircraft carriers of the German Navy, which were secret weapons, also set off. They passed through the Kiel Canal, arrived in Wilhelmshaven, and sailed into the North Sea under the cover of night. On the two aircraft carriers, a total of 24 fighter jets and 72 torpedo planes were carried. Although, such power may not play a big role in this naval battle. However, this is the first time an aircraft carrier has participated in actual combat. When everyone's eyes were still on capital ships like battleships and battlecruisers, Qin Tian had already regarded the aircraft carrier as the future development direction of the navy.

The movement of the German Navy's High Seas Fleet has always been valued by people. All countries are paying attention. Although, it was already evening when the High Seas Fleet set out to sea. Germany's intelligence agencies have also stepped up secrecy measures. However, the news that the German High Seas Fleet left the port in large numbers was still known.

Suddenly, all countries in the world became tense. They know that there will be a battle between Britain and Germany to determine who is the hegemony of the sea.

Chapter 420: The decisive battle is coming

Late at night on March 19th, London, England, Downing Street Prime Minister's Office.

Prime Minister Asquith's office was filled with smoke, and a group of British cabinet ministers were smoking cigars and frowning.

"Your Excellency Churchill, has the information been confirmed?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister, it has been confirmed. All the main warships of the Germans have left Wilhelmshaven a few hours ago. I think the Germans are coming for us." Churchill said.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, it seems that the Germans are more eager than we expected! They clearly want to defeat the Royal Navy in the shortest possible time, and then defeat the British and French allied forces to completely win this war." Foreign Secretary Edward said Sir Gray.

"The longer the war drags on, the greater the price the Germans will pay in the war. Therefore, they don't want the war to drag on." Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, also said.

Obviously, the current situation is very unfavorable to Britain. The German Navy's aggressive departure from port must be a decisive battle with the Royal Navy. This also means that the German Navy is sure of victory. Otherwise, the German Navy would not be so eager for a decisive battle. Of course, this is very unfavorable for the British Navy.

"Everyone, what should we do now? Are we going to let the Royal Navy go to sea to fight the Germans?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

Although, once they have a decisive battle with the German navy, they have no chance of winning at all. However, if luck is good and everything can develop in their favor, there may still be a slight chance of winning.

"Your Excellency, Prime Minister, I will immediately give an order to the Royal Navy to prepare them for a decisive battle with the Germans. However, I personally think that we should wait a little longer. Wait until the Germans are exposed. After all, our strength is far inferior to the Germans," Churchill said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded: "It's up to you professionals to be responsible for how to fight. The hope of the British Empire rests on you. I hope that in this battle, the Royal Navy can do its best, Fight for a victory for the British Empire! This is the last chance for the British Empire."

If the Royal Navy is defeated, then the battle will inevitably ignite on the British mainland. Unless they are willing to surrender to the Germans immediately after the defeat of the Royal Navy. Otherwise, the German army will definitely plan to conduct a landing operation on the British mainland.

It is impossible for Britain to surrender to Germany, especially in the last contact, Germany offered conditions that they could not accept. If they accept the conditions proposed by Germany, Britain will become a small third-rate country, which is definitely not acceptable to them. Britain has been the world's hegemon for hundreds of years, and neither the king nor the subjects will allow such a situation to happen. Unless they are really completely defeated by the Germans, they will accept the reality when there is no other way.

People are like this, they will not die until the Yellow River, as long as there is still a glimmer of hope, they will try their best to fight for it. Although, such hope is very, very slim.

"Your Excellency, the Royal Navy will definitely do its best to win the victory." Churchill looked determined. Although, he knew that it would be very, very difficult to win. However, this is their mission, and they will do their best to win.

"Everyone, it is time for the life and death of the British Empire. I hope God can bless the British Empire and get through this crisis safely!" Prime Minister Asquith said.

"God bless the British Empire!" everyone said. Everyone's expression is very serious. Their fate has long been tied to the British Empire. If the British Empire were defeated, or even destroyed, they would quickly go from a group of powerful people to penniless people.

Scapa Flow, the home port of the Royal Navy Grand Fleet. The defense here is now much stronger than when it was attacked by a submarine of the German Navy. Under the water, anti-submarine nets were also deployed urgently. It is almost impossible for the submarines of the German Navy to sneak into it without anyone noticing.

However, the atmosphere of the entire Grand Fleet is very dignified. The officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy seem to be able to feel that as the strength of the Royal Navy is getting more and more damaged, the day when the German Navy will launch a decisive battle against them is getting closer and closer. If it is said that they still regarded themselves as the number one in the world before, then now, the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy have become more and more tense. Although the decisive battle has not yet begun, they seem to have been able to guess the ending. That is, in the fierce battle, they will be defeated by the German navy. The Royal Navy will not only lose the world's number one throne, they will also likely lose their lives in battle.

As the commander of the Grand Fleet, Admiral John Jellicoe and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General David Beatty, the pressure on their shoulders was

also very great. Especially after learning about his plan from Churchill. In order to give the British Empire Navy a chance to turn defeat into victory, Churchill actually demanded that the Grand Fleet fight to the end, even if it was sunk, it was not allowed to retreat, and the German Navy's warships had to be sunk as much as possible. This also makes them know that once a decisive battle breaks out, unless they are lucky and win. Otherwise, what awaits them is all killed in battle. Such a result was too cruel for them.

"Your Excellency Commander, Your Excellency Chief of Staff, a telegram from the Ministry of the Navy." The communications officer reported to them.

General John Jellicoe took the telegram and looked at it, and his face immediately became very ugly.

"What's the matter? Your Excellency, Commander." David? Betty Lieutenant General asked.

"The main force of the German navy has all gone to sea, and the target is most likely us. It seems that the decisive battle between us and the Germans is coming soon." Admiral John Jellicoe sighed.

"Oh, Your Excellency, Commander. The Germans will not waste their chances. It seems that we are in serious trouble this time. However, there will be such a day sooner or later, and we cannot hide. We can only do our best to fight for The empire is fighting for a chance." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Admiral John Jellicoe nodded: "Order the fleet to prepare for battle at the port! After Churchill's order is issued, we will immediately fight the Germans."

"Yes, General." Lieutenant General David Betty nodded.