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Chapter 461: big win

The night has completely dimmed, and the North Sea has become pitch black. Some burning warships illuminate a sea area. However, in general, the North Sea has entered a dark night.

German ships with their searchlights turned on are searching back and forth to see if there are any survivors at sea. Regardless of whether it was the German Navy or the British Navy who fell into the water, they were rescued one by one. Although, everyone was an enemy before. However, the battle is over. The obligations of the soldiers have been fulfilled. Next, it's time for humanitarian aid.

Of course, the British, as losers, had already escaped. They simply don't have that much leisure to rescue those poor people who fell into the water. Dozens of battleships went out to sea for a decisive battle with the German navy, and only four crippled warships escaped in the end. Such a failure is also unacceptable to the Royal Navy. Moreover, after this failure, the Royal Navy can be regarded as finished.

The German Navy won this battle at a very small cost. This also means that Germany has replaced Britain as the new maritime hegemony.

"Your Excellency, Commander, I'm very sorry, but we still haven't been able to keep all the British battleships. The battleship 'Revenge' and the battleship 'Resolution' have been severely damaged by us. But in the end they still escaped under the cover of night." It's over." Lieutenant General Hipper felt a little regretful.

"General Hipper, you have done a good job. We have won this battle!" Admiral Reinhard Scheer smiled.

Nothing can be 100% perfect, and the German navy can win this decisive naval battle at a small price, which has already made him very satisfied.

In this naval battle, the German Navy lost one battleship, while three battleships and one battlecruiser were severely damaged. As for light cruisers and destroyers, 7 and 15 were sunk respectively. Such a loss is not small. However, compared with the results they achieved, this is undoubtedly a bit insignificant.

British Navy In this naval battle, 22 battleships and 5 battlecruisers were sunk, and another 3 battleships and 1 battlecruiser were severely damaged. In terms of cruisers and destroyers, the losses were extremely heavy. It can be said that the most elite part of the Royal Navy has been wiped out by the German Navy. Next, the Royal Navy could only hide in the port and linger on. Facing the attack of the German navy, they had nothing to do.

"Your Excellency, the British now generally have 7 battleships and 1 battlecruiser left. Although almost all of these battleships have been severely damaged. However, with the British shipbuilding capabilities, they will soon be able to Repair these warships. At that time, this will still be a threat to us." Lieutenant General Maximilian von Spee said.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer nodded: "But, no matter what, we have already killed the main battleship of the British. The next few warships are relatively much easier to deal with. I believe Well, if the Imperial Navy can get rid of their main fleet, they will also be able to get rid of their remaining warships. From now on, the broken fleet will resume the blockade of Britain, and no supplies will be able to flow into the UK. Without those supplies, it will be very difficult for the British to build new warships. After the army has dealt with the British and French allied forces, the next step is to land in the UK. By then, the British will be completely lost. "

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander." Both Lieutenant General Hipper and Lieutenant General Spey nodded.

"Report the news of our victory to the country. The UK is waiting in a hurry." Admiral Reinhard Scheer said.

Lieutenant General Hipper and Lieutenant General Spee both laughed. Germany is also very concerned about this naval battle concerning whether Germany can replace Britain and become the hegemony of the sea. This is directly related to whether Germany can win this war. Germany has prepared carefully for so many years, and now it has finally won the final victory.

Berlin, Germany, inside the Imperial Palace, German Kaiser Wilhelm II, Crown Prince Qin Tian, Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow, Foreign Minister von Kidren Wascht, Minister of the Navy Marshal Tirpitz, Minister of War Marshal von Falkenhain and the chief of the general staff gathered in William II's office.

Since the battle broke out, they have been anxiously waiting for the final result. Although, Qin Tian and Marshal Earl Tirpitz repeatedly assured that the German navy had already gained the absolute upper hand in this battle, and the final victory must belong to them. However, everyone can't help but feel a little worried. Although the German navy has a great advantage, no one can guarantee whether there will be any unexpected factors in the naval battle. In that case, Germany's easy victory may slip away.

Therefore, before getting the final definite news, everyone dare not take it lightly.

From the morning until the afternoon, the sun went down, but there was still no news, which made everyone a little anxious. Although, they know that it is very normal for a large-scale naval battle to last for a day, and it may even last longer. However, everyone is a little anxious, which is understandable.

After entertaining everyone for a light meal, William II continued to wait for news. The waiter had already served the coffee. Obviously, without waiting for the final result, everyone didn't even have the mind to sleep.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, Marshal von Pohl, Chief of Staff of the Imperial Navy, rushed to the palace to report the emergency situation of the navy to Wilhelm II.

"Did we win?" Wilhelm II looked expectantly at Marshal von Bohr. At the same time, there are some apprehensions in my heart. He was also a little scared that he would hear bad news next. After all, the British maritime hegemony is not so easy to challenge. For hundreds of years, several countries have fallen on the way to compete with the British for maritime supremacy. Although Germany was close to winning this time, William II was somewhat worried.

"Your Majesty, we have won. We have won. The High Seas Fleet defeated the British in this naval battle." Marshal von Pohl said.

"Win? We won?" William II was stunned, as if shocked by the good news.

Other people also cheered. Everyone knows what this victory means to Germany.

Chapter 462: The new overlord

"We have won, we have won against England! God bless the German Empire!" William II roared excitedly, as if only in this way could he release the excitement and excitement in his heart.

"Your Majesty, from now on, we have replaced the British Empire and become the new maritime overlord!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz was also very excited. The German Navy can be said to have been created by him. It has

always been his goal to defeat the British navy and replace them as the sea supremacy. Now, his goal has finally been achieved.

The other ministers were also beaming with joy. The German navy defeated the United Kingdom and replaced the United Kingdom as the maritime hegemony. This is of great benefit to the entire German Empire. At least, after the navy wins, it represents that they are one step closer to the final victory of this war.

"Your Majesty, the navy has defeated the British, so our blockade of Britain will continue. Next, the Imperial Army will launch an offensive on the Western Front within a week, completely defeating the British and French allied forces!" Von Falkenheim The marshal also said.

The loudness of the navy is undoubtedly a stimulus to the army. Of course, this is undoubtedly of great help to the improvement of the morale of the troops. In addition, the German army has been resting for half a year on the Western Front. Eight group armies, more than 1.8 million elite troops, have completed their preparations. Among other things, just eight armored divisions and more than 2,000 tanks will allow them to break through the defense lines of the British and French allied forces in future wars and win victory.

William II nodded, the navy's victory also brought him great confidence.

"Very well, I believe that this time the Imperial Army will also be able to win on the Western Front." William II said confidently.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, what is the loss of the Imperial Navy in this naval battle? What are the specific results?" Qin Tian asked.

When everyone was cheering for the victory of the Imperial Navy, Qin Tian was also very excited. However, he wanted to know more about the specific situation. After all, a tragic victory is also a victory. If it was just a

tragic victory, it would be more troublesome for Germany. However, Qin Tian also believes that, given the huge advantage and the fact that even aircraft carriers are participating in the battle, even if the Imperial Navy wants to win the final victory, it will definitely not be a miserable victory.

"His Royal Highness, the Imperial Navy sank 22 British battleships and 5 battlecruisers in this battle, and the other 3 battleships and 1 battlecruiser were severely damaged. If it wasn't dark The Imperial Navy can definitely sink all the warships of the British. In addition, the Imperial Navy also sank more than 20 light cruisers and more than 60 destroyers. It can be said that the most elite main combat force of the Royal Navy, They have all been wiped out by us." Marshal von Pohl said proudly.

Qin Tian and the others could not help but breathe a sigh of relief. It seems that the tragic victory they were worried about did not happen.

"In this naval battle of the Imperial Navy, one battleship was sunk, and three other battleships and one battlecruiser were severely damaged. Although the other capital ships were also hit by some shells, overall, they were not serious. The battleship that was sunk was 'Thuringia', the battleships that were hit hard were 'Saxony', 'Nassau' and 'Grand Kurfürst', and the battlecruiser that was hit hard was 'Hindenburg'. 'No. In addition, we were also sunk 7 light cruisers and 15 destroyers. Overall, the losses of the Imperial Navy in this naval battle were not large. Especially compared with the results we obtained, these losses are It seems insignificant." Marshal von Bohr continued.

A smile appeared on Qin Tian's face. The heart that he had been hanging on for a long time finally returned to his stomach. The Imperial Navy did win this naval battle at a small cost. This allowed the Imperial Navy to remain strong enough to deter other countries after the naval battle. The Imperial

Navy is also strong enough to secure the blockade of Britain, and to conduct landing operations on the British mainland in the future.

The others were even more excited. The victory of the Imperial Navy and the victory of the Imperial Navy at a small cost are completely different things.

"Very good, very good. The Imperial Navy played very well this time."
William II was very happy.

"Your Majesty, from now on, we have become a veritable maritime supremacy. The navies of other countries can no longer compete with the imperial navy." Marshal Count Tirpitz continued.

William II nodded, and it was under his support that the German navy developed. Now, the German navy can defeat the British navy and become the new maritime supremacy, which makes him proud.

For the future of the Imperial Navy and the Empire, William II and others are full of beautiful visions. The British have controlled maritime hegemony for hundreds of years, which has enabled them to occupy a large number of colonies and seize huge wealth all over the world. If Germany can take all of this from the hands of the British, Germany's take-off will be just around the corner.

"Although the Imperial Navy defeated the British, we still cannot underestimate the strength of the British. Although their capital ships were severely damaged by us, they can be repaired in at most two months. By then , Those battleships can still pose a threat to us. Therefore, we have to guard against it." Qin Tian said.

"His Royal Highness, General Scheer has ordered that the High Seas Fleet resume its blockade of the United Kingdom. Next, it will focus on monitoring the United Kingdom. If the British Navy dares to fight, the Imperial Navy must have enough strength to destroy them. "Marshal von Bohr said.

Qin Tian nodded. With the current strength of the Imperial Navy, it is definitely not a big problem to deal with the remaining power of the British Navy. The British lost so badly this time, it is almost impossible to come back.

No matter what, the German navy successfully defeated the British navy through the victory of this naval battle, pulling them down from the throne of maritime supremacy, which is a fact that no one can change. Germany will replace Britain as the new maritime hegemony. A powerful navy will ensure that Germany has the upper hand in this war. At the same time, it will also win more overseas interests for Germany.

Chapter 463: Fierce failure

For the German Navy, now is the time for them to celebrate their victory. However, for the British, the result of this naval battle was undoubtedly very, very frustrating.

As the flagship of the Royal Navy, the battleship "Revenge" has been bombarded by the Germans' main artillery. The superstructure was riddled with holes, and there were scorched black marks everywhere. Even the armor below the waterline was torn apart. If the watertight compartment hadn't been closed in time, the battleship 'Revenge' might have been sunk. Even so, it can be clearly seen that the hull has tilted to a certain extent.

The other battleship 'Resolution' is not much bigger than the battleship 'Revenge'. The hull was also damaged during the fierce battle, and there were holes everywhere. Even two of the four twin 381mm main guns were destroyed. This time he was able to escape from the dead, it was pure luck.

On the bridge of the battleship 'Revenge', Admiral John Jellicoe and Lieutenant Admiral David Beatty looked desperate. The naval battle that happened today was completely like a nightmare to them. However, whether they are willing to accept such a result or not, this naval battle is over. The

winner has already been decided. The British Royal Navy lost a complete defeat in this naval battle.

"It's over, the Royal Navy is over. The British Empire is also completely over." Admiral John Jellicoe looked frustrated and remorseful. As the commander of the Grand Fleet, he naturally had an inescapable responsibility for the defeat of the Royal Navy. He is not afraid of taking responsibility, even if he is sent to a military court, he has no complaints.

It's just that watching the hegemony of the Royal Navy fall from their hands, it made him feel very guilty. He knew very well what the strength of the British Empire came from. After losing sea power, can the overseas colonies of the British Empire be kept? Without overseas colonies, it is naturally impossible for Britain to continue to be strong. It is almost certain to be reduced to a second-rate country.

"Your Excellency, Commander, don't blame yourself too much. We have tried our best in this battle. The reason why we were still defeated by the Germans is not because of us. It is because the Germans are too powerful and it is our fault." There was a fundamental mistake in thinking about warships. This caused our warships to be suppressed by the German Navy from the very beginning. From the beginning of the war to the present, we have been losing. We lost a large number of warships, and finally lost in the war A crushing defeat." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Admiral John Jellicoe nodded. Indeed, the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy have done their best in this naval battle. However, they still lost in the end, and they lost so badly that the British Empire might not have any chance of winning in this war. This made him always have a deep sense of guilt.

"We can no longer compete with the Germans for sea power. It is even foreseeable that after the Germans have won the land battlefield on the

Western Front, they will launch an attack on our homeland. Unfortunately, we simply There is no power to stop the Germans. The flames of war will inevitably burn our country, and I don't know how many people will die in the war." Admiral John Jellicoe sighed.

"Your Excellency, Commander, there is no way. We are soldiers, and our bounden duty is to obey orders. We have done our best in this war. Then, the next thing is not what we are considering. I think Well, those politicians in the country know what to do. If you don't want the flames of war to burn to our homeland, you have to accept the harsh armistice conditions of the Germans. It is impossible for the empire to accept the conditions of the Germans, so in the end it is estimated that there are still only one Of course, if the British and French allied forces can resist the German attack on the Western Front, perhaps everything will turn around." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

The Anglo-French coalition resisted the German attack? Is that possible? Admiral John Jellicoe couldn't help shaking his head. Although, he is the general of the navy. However, he also knows the situation of the army. Compared with the German Army, the combat effectiveness of the British and French Allied Forces is far behind. Especially after Germany has won victory on the Eastern Front, the German Army will go west with all its strength. Under such circumstances, can the British and French allied forces withstand it? Admiral John Jellicoe, at least, is not very optimistic about this.

However, as Lieutenant General David Beatty said, these things are not their concern at all. Now they are nothing but defeated generals. Those domestic politicians will naturally consider how to solve the current mess.

"Your Excellency, Commander, Your Excellency Chief of Staff. The telegram has been drafted, can it be sent?" A staff officer asked.

"Calculating the time, we have been free from the Germans for nearly two hours. Even if we send a telegram, they will not be able to detect it." Lieutenant General David Beatty said.

Before, they did not dare to send a telegram to the country immediately after getting rid of the German navy, because they were afraid that the German navy would catch up. In that case, they are dead. Now that the crisis is almost over, it is natural to send telegrams.

"Let's send it. His Excellency Churchill must have been waiting very anxiously. It's a pity that this time we did not bring victory to the British Empire, but a disastrous defeat. However, this should also be known in the country. So that they can do it earlier Get ready," said Admiral John Jellicoe.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." The staff officer immediately went to send a telegram.

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Although, it's almost ten o'clock in the evening. However, Churchill did not leave his office, but continued to stay here. Not for anything else, just to wait for the final result of the decisive battle between the Royal Navy of the British Empire and the German Navy.

Although Churchill knew very well that with the strength of the Royal Navy's large fleet, it would be very difficult to win. However, he now only wants the Grand Fleet to fight the Germans and lose both sides. In this case, his follow-up opportunities can be implemented. At that time, it is still unknown who will win the deer.

"Why is there no news so far? There should be no surprises! May God bless the British Empire and hope our plan can succeed. It would be the best if we can defeat the Germans. No matter how bad it is, we must fight with them It will hurt both sides!" Churchill prayed secretly.

Chapter 464: The UK is over

Just when Churchill was getting impatient, there was a knock on the door of his office. Suddenly, Churchill was shocked. At the same time, there are some apprehensions in my heart. After all, he was worried what if it was bad news? so what should I do now?

"Come in!" Churchill shouted to the door.

The secretary opened the door and walked in. Churchill looked at the secretary's face, trying to see some problems from his face. Churchill could clearly sense that the secretary was pretending to be calm. But in fact, the panic in his eyes had completely betrayed him.

"God! Did the British Empire fail again this time? However, we couldn't beat the Germans, and failure is normal. As long as we can hit the Germans hard, then our plan will come true." Churchill said Comfort yourself. In his view, it is almost impossible for the Royal Navy to defeat the German Navy. However, if you want to fight the German Navy to the death, then it should not be a big problem. Therefore, Churchill was still somewhat optimistic about this naval battle. However, after seeing the secretary's expression now, he suddenly felt a little uncertain. He also faintly felt that something unexpected happened.

"Your Excellency, this is a telegram from the Grand Fleet Command."
The secretary said.

Churchill nodded: "Put it here!"

After the secretary put down the telegram, he immediately turned and left, as if he wanted to escape from here. This made Churchill stunned. But at the same time, this also made the shrewd him guess something, which made his heart sink continuously.

"Alas! It seems that our loss this time will be greater than expected! However, the reality is the reality, and no one can change it." Churchill sighed, then picked up the telegram on the table, and read it carefully. up.

It's just that Churchill's face turned pale when he saw half of the telegram. The loss of the Royal Navy in this naval battle in the telegram made him deeply hit.

"Damn, how did we lose so many warships? What's going on? John Jellicoe and David Betty, what are they doing?" Churchill roared angrily.

22 battleships, 5 battlecruisers were sunk, and another 3 battleships and 1 battlecruiser were severely damaged. In addition to the sunk cruisers and destroyers, the essence of the Royal Navy was completely destroyed in this battle. destroyed. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the Royal Navy. It can even be said that the backbone of the Royal Navy was interrupted in this battle.

The loss of so many warships certainly caused the Royal Navy a lot of losses. However, no matter how many battleships are lost, they can be rebuilt. As long as there is a chance, with the strength of British shipbuilding, it can be completely rebuilt. Among other things, those battleships and battlecruisers that are being built overtime in the shipyard, once they are in service, can restore the strength of the Royal Navy and even take it to a higher level. Of course, the prerequisite is that Britain has the ability to obtain the resources to build these warships. Otherwise, the battleships would not have been completed.

However, the Royal Navy has lost so many elite sailors in this battle. Even with warships, they cannot fully display the combat power of these warships! Therefore, this is undoubtedly a fatal blow to the Royal Navy. It is easy to build a warship, but it is not so easy to train a qualified naval soldier. I don't know how long it will take for the elite sailors lost this time to recover.

Although Churchill knew that the British Navy would definitely lose this time, he never thought that it would lose so badly. In addition to those capital ships that were severely damaged, the British Navy now only has 7 battleships and 1 battlecruiser, namely the battleship 'Dreadnought', the battleship 'Giant', the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth', and the battleship 'War Spite' Battleships, Battleship 'Warrior', Battleship 'Revenge' and Battleship 'Resolution', and Battlecruiser 'Tiger'. Among them, except for the battleship "Fearless", which was intact, the rest of the battleships were severely damaged in the naval battle. If they wanted to restore their combat effectiveness, they would have to stay in the shipyard for at least two months or even longer.

The remaining battleships seem to be quite a few. But compared with the German Navy, it is far inferior. Even, this caused the Royal Navy's ranking in the world to drop from first to third or even fourth. This is undoubtedly unacceptable to the British Empire, which has been the overlord of the sea for hundreds of years.

"We have lost so many capital ships, what about the Germans? It would be great if we could cause the same amount of losses to the Germans. In this way, we can rely on many pre-dreadnoughts to compete with the Germans Domination of the sea. Relying on the number of pre-dreadnoughts, we may not lose to the British." Churchill thought. As if he had grasped the last straw, he quickly flipped through the next telegram, trying to find the loss of the German navy recorded above.

However, when he found the relevant content, he couldn't help being stunned.

"How is it possible? We lost so many battleships, but only sank one battleship of the Germans, and severely damaged several of their battleships. Twenty-seven to one! How could it be like this? Could it be that we Has the gap with

the Germans reached such a point?" Such a battle damage ratio made Churchill completely speechless, and even made him a little desperate for the future.

Churchill has always been a very determined person. Otherwise, he would not be valued by Prime Minister Asquith and become the Secretary of the Navy.

Even when the Royal Navy was at a disadvantage, Churchill was not discouraged, but actively tried to find ways to get the Royal Navy out of trouble.

But now, the result of this naval battle made Churchill no longer have much confidence. It can be seen how hard this failure has hit them.

"It's over, this is completely over. The Royal Navy will never have a chance to come back. The British Empire will also lose completely in this war. By then, the British Empire will probably cease to exist." Churchill murmured murmured.

Obviously, the failure of the Royal Navy this time was undoubtedly a fatal blow to the British Empire, making it even more difficult for them to win the war. Once it fails, the British Empire will cease to exist in the style of the Germans.

Chapter 465: Anxiety

"Come on, prepare the car, I'm going to the Prime Minister's Office!" Churchill sat on the chair for a long time after reading the telegram. After that, he shouted to the secretary outside the door.

"Yes, Your Excellency." The secretary hurried to get ready. He knew that Churchill must be in anger now. Therefore, he did not dare to anger Churchill. In that case, there will definitely be no good fruit to eat.

A few minutes later, Churchill got into the car and went to the Prime Minister's Office.

When Churchill arrived at the Prime Minister's Office, it was already 12 o'clock in the middle of the night. Prime Minister Asquith had already rested. Although, the decisive battle between the Royal Navy and the German Navy is a major event related to the fate of the British Empire. But Prime Minister Asquith was getting old, so he couldn't stand it any longer, so he took a rest early.

"Churchill, what's the matter, has the naval battle ended?" Prime Minister Asquith asked anxiously in his pajamas.

"Your Excellency, Prime Minister, I'm sorry, we failed!" Churchill said with a painful expression.

"Failed? Did we really fail?" Prime Minister Asquith suddenly sat down on the sofa. Although, he had expected such a result a long time ago. But in his heart, he undoubtedly hoped that the Royal Navy could perform miracles and defeat the mighty Germans. In that case, the British Empire may win the war.

Winning the war and being defeated are two completely different endings! If the glory of the British Empire wants to continue to be maintained, it must find ways to win this war. Otherwise, the British Empire would cease to exist. As for peace talks, make peace with the Germans and end this war decently. That has proven unlikely. The conditions put forward by the Germans last time were very harsh, and it was absolutely impossible for the British Empire to accept such conditions. That's why the British cabinet was determined to continue the war at that time, in an attempt to win on the battlefield, so as to preserve the interests of the British Empire.

But now it seems that the performance of their army on the battlefield is still too bad!

"Your Excellency Churchill, how much has our loss been? How much loss have we caused to the Germans?" Prime Minister Asquith asked. In his heart, there are still some expectations. If the losses of the Royal Navy were not too great, and they also caused relatively serious losses to the Germans, then they would undoubtedly not have lost badly in this naval battle.

Churchill understood what Prime Minister Asquith meant, but this time he was destined to be disappointed.

"I'm sorry, Your Excellency. This time, the Royal Navy lost a lot. Almost all the capital ships that participated in the battle were lost. According to the battle report sent back by the Grand Fleet, 22 of our battleships and 5 battlecruisers were shot down by the Germans. Shen. Another three battleships and one battlecruiser were severely damaged. The cruisers and destroyers also suffered heavy losses. However, the losses we caused to the Germans were very slight. We only sank one German In addition, several battleships and battlecruisers were severely damaged. The losses of the German cruisers and destroyers were much smaller than ours." Churchill said bravely.

"What? We have lost so much, but we have caused very little loss to the Germans. How is this possible? How can the Germans be so much better than us?" Prime Minister Asquith obviously couldn't accept this result. After all, this is too hard to believe. You know, before the outbreak of this war, the Royal Navy of the British Empire was still the overlord of the sea, the symbol of the most powerful sea power in the world! Although the German Navy is catching up, there is undoubtedly a big gap in order to catch up with the Royal Navy. But now, the Germans have beaten the Royal Navy of the British Empire to the ground through a few naval battles, and even the backbone of the Royal Navy has been interrupted. Such a result would definitely be unacceptable to anyone.

"Mr. Churchill, are you joking, right? Although we failed, the loss must not be so great?" Prime Minister Asquith asked. How he wished Churchill was joking! In that case, the main force of the Royal Navy still exists.

"Your Excellency, I also really want to make this joke. But unfortunately, this is not a joke. It is a fact! The Royal Navy has indeed lost a complete defeat in this naval battle. We have nothing to do with it. There is no other way," Churchill said.

The look of hope in Prime Minister Asquith's eyes disappeared immediately.

"It's over, it's completely over. The British Empire is over this time!" Prime Minister Asquith couldn't help but said.

Churchill was silent, and he also believed that Britain is now truly in crisis. If you don't pay attention, you will fall into a place of eternal doom.

"The navy failed to achieve the set goals, which makes us very likely to lose in this war. In this case, what should we do? Can we preserve the core interests of the British Empire?" Ah Prime Minister Squith murmured.

Although, as the Prime Minister of the British Empire, he was once considered the most powerful person in the world. But now, when the British Empire is facing life and death, all the halo on him has faded away, replaced by panic and anxiety.

If Britain loses this war, Prime Minister Asquith and all cabinet members will probably become sinners. At the same time, this also means that the power they have been enjoying for a long time will leave them. Such a result undoubtedly made them very unacceptable.

"Your Excellency, the Royal Navy failed your expectations, I am really very sorry." Churchill said.

"Churchill, this is none of your business, and it's not even the reason for the Royal Navy. It's not that the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy don't fight to the death, but that the Germans are too powerful! Over the years, there have been problems with the development of the Royal Navy, so that Our navy was overtaken by the Germans and passed us. It was no one's fault," Prime Minister Asquith said.

Churchill nodded. Indeed, it is obviously inappropriate to attribute the responsibility to someone for this failure. However, losing is losing, and the British Empire is in a more difficult predicament because of this, and no one can change it.

"Come on, call the other cabinet members immediately and discuss what we should do next!" Prime Minister Asquith ordered.

Chapter 466: Not reconciled

The ministers of the British cabinet, after receiving a call from the Prime Minister's Office, got out of the warm quilt one by one, got into the car, and rushed to the Prime Minister's Office. Everyone knows that Prime Minister Asquith would not have summoned them in the middle of the night if there had not been an emergency. What's more, the Royal Navy seems to be in a decisive battle with the Germans. Therefore, the purpose of Prime Minister Asquith summoning them was naturally obvious.

"I hope the Royal Navy can win this naval battle! If it is defeated, then the British Empire will be in trouble, or big * trouble!" Sir Edward Gray sat in his car, worried.

There are many people who have the same idea as Sir Edward Gray. As British cabinet ministers, they are undoubtedly aware of the severe situation facing the British Empire. If they can win the naval battle, then the British Empire has the possibility of winning the war. Even though they lost a lot of

national power in this war, they were still able to linger on. If the Royal Navy loses, it's all over.

In less than half an hour, the British cabinet ministers arrived at the prime minister's office.

"Everyone, it is really a last resort to call you here at such a late hour. His Excellency Churchill will first inform you of the results of the naval battle!" Prime Minister Asquith's look of distress naturally made the cabinet ministers suddenly There is a bad feeling.

Churchill stood up and saw that everyone's eyes fell on him, and he immediately felt great pressure.

"Everyone, I have a very bad news to tell you." Churchill said.

This made all the cabinet members frown tightly together. Obviously, the Royal Navy has lost this time, and everyone has guessed the result.

"In the naval battle that just ended, the Royal Navy failed to defeat the Germans and win the naval battle. Instead, it suffered heavy losses in the naval battle and lost the naval battle. In the naval battle, 22 battleships and 5 battlecruisers were sunk by the Royal Navy , another three battleships and one battlecruiser were severely damaged. The losses of the cruisers and destroyers were also very large. After paying a heavy price, we only sank one battleship of the Germans and severely damaged them Just a few battleships and battlecruisers." Churchill bit the bullet and informed everyone about the situation.

As soon as Churchill finished speaking, the conference room heard the sound of people breathing one after another. Obviously, everyone expected that the Royal Navy would lose so badly, but they didn't expect to lose so badly.

"Your Excellency Churchill, the loss of so many capital ships has only caused very small losses to the Germans. How can we continue to fight this battle?" Minister of War Richard Haldane looked angry.

You know, there are now more than one million expeditionary troops fighting in France. The Royal Navy has suffered such a big defeat, which will undoubtedly hand over the dominance of the sea to the hands of the Germans. At that time, it may not be so easy for them to ensure the safety of the sea transportation line from Britain to France. In addition, once the British and French allied forces cannot withstand the German attack on the Western Front, the sea channel will be cut off, which will directly prevent the British expeditionary force from returning to the British mainland.

"Mr. Haldane, the Royal Navy has done its best in this battle. We were defeated by the Germans not because the officers and soldiers of the Royal Navy were greedy for life and fear of death. In order to defeat the Germans, we have tried our best. However, the Germans are so powerful that we ended up failing badly," Churchill explained.

Richard Haldane opened his mouth, wanting to say something more. However, nothing was said in the end. After all, he also knew that the failure this time could not be entirely blamed on the Royal Navy. Who made the Royal Navy's previous development ideas go wrong? This makes the capital ships of the Royal Navy completely unable to compare with the German Navy in single-ship performance. In this naval battle, he was beaten by the German Navy and suffered heavy losses.

Now that the Royal Navy has failed, it is meaningless to pursue responsibility.

"Your Excellency, the Royal Navy failed in this naval battle. So, according to the plan drawn up by Your Excellency Churchill, do we still have

a chance to come back?" asked Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Churchill shook his head: "Our capital ship is completely lost. And the losses we caused to the Germans are very small. Although we still have dozens of pre-dreadnoughts. However, the combat effectiveness of those pre-dreadnoughts, Very poor. In front of the new German battleships, they are simply vulnerable. If they are allowed to deal with the Germans according to the previous plan, they will be sent to their deaths."

Suddenly, all the cabinet ministers fell silent. They all knew that the Royal Navy suffered a terrible defeat this time, and at the same time, they failed to complete the established combat objectives, which would prevent them from defeating the German Navy and regaining sea dominance as planned. Even after the disastrous defeat of the Royal Navy, the security of the mainland was seriously threatened. If the German Army wins on the Western Front and defeats France, if Britain does not accept the harsh conditions of the Germans, the German Army will definitely land in the British Isles. At that time, the entire British Isles will be caught in the flames of war.

Such a terrible result made the cabinet ministers of the British Empire pale.

"Your Excellency, since the navy has failed. Then, our chances of winning this war are almost zero. In order to prevent the mainland from falling into the flames of war, we may negotiate with the Germans to end the war." Edward, the foreign secretary ? Sir Gray suggested.

"However, the conditions put forward by the Germans are too harsh. If their conditions are agreed, the British Empire will cease to exist."

"No matter how much profit is lost, it is much better than the mainland being turned into a piece of scorched earth in the German attack."

With the defeat of the Royal Navy, more and more cabinet ministers began to think about whether they should hold peace talks with the Germans. Of course, the peace talks will lose a lot of benefits, but if the mainland is caught in a war, it is also not what they want to see.

"Although the conditions of the Germans are very harsh, we can bargain with them."

Seeing that the cabinet ministers were more and more inclined to hold peace talks with the Germans, Churchill was very unwilling. He didn't want the British Empire to be brought down by the Germans like this.

Chapter 467: churchill's plan

"Everyone, it is too early to prepare for peace talks with the Germans. After all, once we have peace talks with the Germans, with their greedy character, they will definitely take this opportunity to open their mouths and blackmail more people." interests. At that time, the British Empire will no longer exist," Churchill said.

The ministers nodded again and again, and they all believed that Churchill was right. However, if there is no compromise, is it possible to just watch the flames of war burn in the British Empire? For them, this is undoubtedly an unacceptable result.

"Your Excellency Churchill, what should we do if the Germans land on our mainland?" Sir Edward Gray asked.

"Your Excellency, it will not be so easy for the Germans to land on the mainland of the British Empire. First, they need to defeat the British and French allied forces. Then, they need to cross the strait to attack the mainland of the empire. Although, the German army is the best in the world. However, the Anglo-French coalition forces are also not so easy to deal with. The number of expeditionary troops we have sent to the European continent has already exceeded one million. The strength of the French army has also

expanded to more than two million. In this case, the British-French coalition forces The total strength of the German army is more than three million. I am afraid that the total strength of the German Army is not so large. No matter how powerful the Germans are, it is undoubtedly very difficult to defeat us when their strength is far inferior to ours. Difficult." Churchill analyzed.

"Your Excellency Haldane, is there a high chance that the British and French coalition forces will resist the German attack?" Prime Minister Asquith asked.

"Your Excellency, the French claim to be 70% sure of resisting the German attack. But I think they are too optimistic. In my opinion, we have at most 50% sure of resisting the German attack. As His Excellency Churchill said As I said, it is not easy for the Germans to defeat us. After all, we have deployed heavy troops on the Marne River and built strong fortifications. The quality of our soldiers is definitely not comparable to that of the Russians Therefore, it is entirely possible for us to resist the German attack." Richard Haldane said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded, seeming to be analyzing whether the British Empire should seek peace from the Germans if the British and French allied forces can withstand the German attack. After all, seeking peace would not do the British Empire any good. Even if it is a tie, it is the most beneficial!

"Your Excellency, what if the British and French allied forces cannot resist the German attack? At that time, the Germans may not give us the slightest chance of peace talks. Every time we lose on the battlefield, the attitude of the Germans will be inevitable." It will be tougher and the asking price will be higher." Sir Edward Gray reminded.

Prime Minister Asquith was taken aback for a moment, and then nodded. For he knew that what Sir Edward Gray had said was true. If the Germans had clearly felt that victory was in sight, then they would certainly not heed the British Empire's request for peace talks. After all, after defeating the British

Empire, the British Empire will be like meat on the chopping board, allowing them to be slaughtered. They also have absolutely no need for peace talks.

Churchill saw Prime Minister Asquith's attitude and was still inclined to peace talks, so he had no choice but to bite the bullet and continue to persuade.

"Your Excellency, the Royal Navy has failed in this battle. However, we are not without a chance." Churchill continued.

All eyes were on Churchill. The Royal Navy has always been the backbone of the British Empire. If the Royal Navy can win, then at least the homeland of the British Empire is safe. Even, it is not impossible to win the war by exhausting Germany through other methods. However, didn't the Royal Navy lose a complete defeat in this naval battle? What did they use to defeat the Germans! This also made some cabinet ministers even think that Churchill was simply bragging.

"Your Excellency Churchill, do you have any new plans? If the Royal Navy can defeat the Germans, that would be the best." Prime Minister Asquith said. Although, he also believes that the possibility of Churchill's success is very small. But in his heart, he still had some expectations.

Churchill took a deep breath, and then said: "Your Excellency, the Royal Navy still has seven battleships and one battlecruiser left. Although these battleships were severely damaged. However, with the shipbuilding strength of the British Empire, at most These battleships can be repaired in two months. Even if they work in three shifts, one month will be enough. At that time, these warships will spread out and attack the German sea transportation lines, breaking the battle, Give them back everything they did to the British Empire! In this case, it will undoubtedly greatly weaken the strength of the Germans."

Prime Minister Asquith nodded. The lack of local resources in Germany forced them to rely on overseas trade for a large amount of supplies. Therefore, the British Empire wanted to use the navy to blockade Germany before, and then dragged Germany to death. But it is a pity that the Royal Navy not only failed to complete this task, but put itself in it instead.

"I'm afraid this is not enough to defeat the Germans, right? Once the Germans dispatch their fleet to attack our broken warships, we will not be their opponents at all. The German navy has now taken an absolute advantage." Minister of War Li Chad Haldane questioned.

"Indeed, it is impossible to defeat Germany in this way. To defeat the Germans, we must ultimately rely on a strong navy. The warships we are building now require a large amount of supplies. However, The blockade imposed by the Germans makes it difficult for our warships to be built on time. Therefore, we need to have another naval battle with the Germans. Even if we lose both, we must break the blockade imposed by the Germans on us. In this way, the warships we will build later can be completed and put into service, and the strength of the Royal Navy can be restored!" Churchill continued.

"However, the current Royal Navy simply does not have the strength to engage in a decisive battle with the Germans." Sir Edward Gray also said.

Churchill nodded: "It is true that the Royal Navy has suffered a lot this time. However, we can use other methods to restore the strength of the Royal Navy. In this case, we will have enough strength to fight the Germans for the first time." It's the second decisive battle. If you are lucky, winning is not impossible."

Chapter 468: buy warships

The ministers of the British cabinet, including Prime Minister Asquith, all looked at Churchill, wondering what he could do to quickly restore the strength of the Royal Navy. After all, it takes almost two years for a capital ship to start

construction and enter service. Even if you work overtime, a year and a half is always indispensable. And the Germans obviously won't give them so much time.

Churchill naturally knew where everyone's doubts were, so he continued to explain. He knew that if his plan was to succeed, he had to obtain the approval of all members of the cabinet. Otherwise, his plan is absolutely impossible to succeed.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Ministers. There are only 7 battleships and 1 battlecruiser left in the Royal Navy. It is impossible and unrealistic to fight the Germans. However, we can use other methods, Strengthen the strength of the Royal Navy. For example, buy warships from other countries." Churchill said.

"Buy a warship? How is this possible?" All the ministers were stunned.

You must know that when it was the maritime supremacy in the past, other countries have always purchased warships from the United Kingdom, and the United Kingdom has never purchased warships like other countries. What's more, under the current situation, which other country can provide them with warships, and provide a large number of warships that can compete with the capital ships of the German Navy?

"Your Excellency Churchill, which country can we buy warships from?" Sir Edward Gray asked.

"The United States! Now only the United States has enough warships to sell to us." Churchill said.

"Americans? Although their shipbuilding industry is very developed, if they want to provide us with warships, the distant water will not be able to quench our thirst!" Richard Haldane said.

Churchill nodded: "Indeed, if we place an order with the Americans now, it will be too late. Therefore, we'd better be able to buy their active warships. If we can buy all twelve of their active battleships Down, this will restore the Royal Navy to more than half its strength."

"How could they sell the American battleships in active service to me? If they sell them to us, what about their own coastal defense?" Some cabinet ministers immediately raised questions.

"With the barrier of the Atlantic Ocean, the mainland of the United States is undoubtedly safe. What's more, according to the information we have received, after the outbreak of the war, the Americans have begun to build a series of new warships. Selling the old warships to us, or It is conducive to their return of funds and the construction of more new battleships. In this case, it is also of great benefit to the Americans. Now the United States is a neutral country, and they did not participate in the war. Therefore, even if the Germans are very happy about this Annoyed, there is nothing to do with the Americans. It is impossible for the Germans to cross the Atlantic to attack the United States. Let alone whether the Germans have such a great ability. At least this is very uneconomical. Even if the Germans finally won this game Victory in the war will inevitably lead to exhaustion. At that time, where will they have extra energy to deal with the Americans? It is very possible that the Americans will sell those warships to us without any worries." Churchill Said.

"Everyone, what's more, the Americans have always been ambitious. If we can continue the war with the Germans, it will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them. Otherwise, once the Germans easily obtain With the victory of this war, the strength will inevitably expand to a situation that makes the Americans worry. At that time, it will be impossible for the Americans to dominate the Americas. Therefore, for their own interests, the Americans must also It will help us get through this time," Churchill said.

"Your Excellency, this is very possible. Before the war broke out, the Germans and the Americans were competing for South America, and the two countries were very unhappy about it. The Americans have always regarded South America as their own back garden, absolutely not Allow other countries to get involved. And the Germans need more markets and sources of raw materials, which makes the two countries almost irreconcilable contradictions. For the sake of the future, the possibility of the Americans helping us is very high." Colonial Secretary Lewis said Vernon Harcourt.

"In this case, then contact the Americans and let them sell those warships to us!" Prime Minister Asquith said. As long as there is a slight chance of defeating the Germans, they will not let it go easily.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." A trace of excitement flashed in Churchill's eyes. He is not a person who is willing to admit defeat easily. Even in the current predicament, he is always thinking about defeating Germany and winning.

"Your Excellency, the Americans are not a good thing either. Now that we ask them, they will definitely not miss this opportunity. I am worried that the Americans will put forward some conditions that we cannot accept at all. In addition, we Our finances don't allow us to spend so much money to buy warships." Lloyd George reminded.

A group of ministers nodded repeatedly, no doubt they also looked down on Americans. Even if the industrial output value of the United States becomes the first in the world, it is just regarded as an upstart by them. In addition, the United Kingdom has always been unwilling to make a country formed by the descendants of criminals surpass them, so it has been looking for trouble for the United States. If it weren't for the sudden emergence of Germany, the United Kingdom is still suppressing the United States.

You don't need to think about it, the US government will naturally not give up this good opportunity! After all, the United States is the only country in the world that can provide these warships to Britain. Therefore, there is almost no doubt that they will definitely slaughter Britain severely.

"As long as we can defeat the Germans, no matter how much we pay, it will be worth it. If we don't have enough funds, we can even transfer some unimportant colonies to the Americans in exchange for these warships."

Churchill's attitude resolute.

"How can it be possible to transfer the colonies to the Americans? Those colonies are the foundation of the British Empire!" Colonial Secretary Lewis Vernon Harcourt immediately objected. He was in favor of buying American warships, but not in exchange for colonies.

"We are just exchanging unimportant colonies with the Americans. It is impossible to give the truly elite colonies to the Americans. What's more, if we don't try our best to win the war, if we lose, those colonies will also The same cannot be done," Churchill said.

Prime Minister Asquith hesitated for a while, but finally nodded: "The defeat of the Germans is the most important thing, and the rest can be temporarily abandoned!"

Chapter 469: The United Fleet of the Three Kingdoms

Britain has the most extensive colonies in the world, from Africa to Asia, and then to America. Wherever the sun shines, there is their land. Therefore, Britain is also known as the empire on which the sun never sets.

The rest of the world covets Britain's vast colonies. Especially Germany and the United States, as the two rising powers. By the time they rose up, the world had been almost divided up, and they just picked up bits and pieces that others didn't want. Watching countries such as Britain and France relying on their vast colonies to plunder a lot of wealth. But they can only work hard to

develop industry and economy, which naturally makes Germany and the United States very unbalanced.

At the end of the nineteenth century, the Americans chose the decadent and backward Kingdom of Spain as their target, and took Cuba and the Philippines from the Kingdom of Spain as their colonies.

As for Germany, its appetite is greater than that of the United States, and it directly targets Britain and France. If Britain and France can be defeated in the war, then all the colonies belonging to these two countries will belong to Germany. This will make Germany the number one colonial power in the world.

Although the industry of the United States is developed, its military strength is far from that of Germany. Therefore, the Americans can only look enviously at the war launched by Germany. Of course, for the benefit of the United States, the Americans naturally do not want Germany to win the war. In that case, a strong Germany is of no benefit to the United States. Therefore, the Americans will engage in small actions in private to support Britain and France against Germany. However, Britain and France are like fools who cannot be supported. Even though the United States has invested huge sums of money, they still suffered a complete defeat on the battlefield. And seeing that they are about to be defeated, this naturally makes the Americans very anxious.

British Prime Minister Asquith knew very well that overseas colonies are the foundation of the British Empire and their most precious wealth. Without these colonies, the British Empire would cease to exist. However, when the war was about to be lost, Prime Minister Asquith was also willing to use these colonies as bargaining chips in exchange for more possibilities for the British Empire to win.

"Churchill, we can transfer some colonies to the United States in exchange for their warships. However, I hope it is the worst colony. Our core colonies must not be given to the Americans. In addition, the Americans will definitely be a lion It is open. It is necessary to reduce the loss of the British Empire as much as possible." Prime Minister Asquith said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Churchill nodded. Prime Minister Asquith was able to let go, which made him very satisfied. At least, with the support of the prime minister and cabinet, his plan can go ahead. If those capital ships can be obtained from the Americans, the Royal Navy will have the strength to confront Germany again.

"Your Excellency Churchill, the Americans only have 12 new-type battleships. Even if we add these 12 new-type battleships, we only have 20 battleships, right? Compared with the Germans, the gap is still too big." Minister of War Richard? Haldane said.

"Yeah! We had more battleships than the Germans before, and we couldn't defeat them. Not to mention that we have fewer battleships than them now. What should we do if we fail again?" The Colonial Secretary also proposed questioned.

Prime Minister Asquith immediately looked at Churchill, and he did not want to lose again after investing a huge amount of money this time. In that case, it will undoubtedly be in vain.

"Your Excellency, the American battleships are different from ours. Our battleships focus on speed and firepower, and despise defense. This design idea has been proved to be wrong. The Americans are focusing on defense and firepower. A design that underestimates speed. This makes the overall performance of American warships no worse than that of Germans. When we are in a decisive battle with the Germans, we don't have to worry about those aspects." Churchill said.

"In addition, in addition to purchasing warships from the Americans, we can also ask the French Navy to cooperate with us in combat. The French Navy's capital ships have served ten ships so far, including four 'Colbei-class (that is, isolated Bat-class)' battleships, three 'Brittany-class' battleships, and the first three of the 'Normandy-class' battleships. At such a critical juncture, the French Navy should cooperate with us in fighting together. If we are defeated, they will also fail. In this case, adding the ten battleships of the French Navy, we will have thirty capital ships. At least in terms of the number of capital ships, it is not much different from the Germans." Churchill continued .

"Besides that, there is the Italian Navy. They also have several battleships, including the 'Dante', three 'Cavour-class' battleships and two 'Duirio-class' battleships. If the Italians If we can join in, then we will be able to assemble 36 battleships. This is no less than the Germans in terms of quantity. It is also not inferior to them in quality. If our luck is a little bit better, we can defeat Germany People, it is not impossible." Churchill confessed his plan for the multinational naval joint fleet.

In fact, before the start of this naval battle, Churchill was thinking about how to make a comeback if the Royal Navy lost. Originally, he also expected that even if the Royal Navy lost, it would cause heavy casualties to the Germans. But now it seems that the Germans are stronger than he thought. When he was about to give up this plan for a while, he was unwilling to surrender to the Germans, so he decided to give this opportunity a try. This is the only plan to deal with the Germans that can be thought of at present.

The British cabinet ministers are very interested in the plan proposed by Churchill. This is mainly because they are really unwilling to bow to the Germans. If you can defeat the Germans, no matter how much you pay, it will undoubtedly be worth it.

"It may be very difficult to buy warships from the Americans while uniting the French and Italians," said Prime Minister Asquith.

"Your Excellency, no matter how difficult it is, as long as you can defeat the Germans, then everything is worth it." Churchill said.

Prime Minister Asquith nodded, and then looked at the other cabinet ministers: "Everyone, what's your opinion?"

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, I think you can try it. After all, even if it fails, it will not be worse than it is now." Minister of War Richard Haldane said.

Other ministers also echoed. In their view, the current situation is undoubtedly the worst. It couldn't be worse than this.

Chapter 470: american shock

On the evening of March 22, Churchill, the British Secretary of the Navy, secretly left the UK on a destroyer of the Royal Navy and headed for the United States. There is only one reason for taking a destroyer, and that is that the destroyer is very fast and can cruise at a speed of nearly thirty knots. In this case, Churchill will be able to arrive in the United States in less than three days.

Originally, Prime Minister Asquith decided that the British ambassador to the United States would discuss with the Americans about the purchase of American battleships. However, Churchill refused. Churchill believed that it would be very difficult to persuade the US government to agree to sell those warships to Britain. Ordinary diplomats simply cannot do it. Because there will be many issues of interest exchange between countries involved. An ambassador alone may not have that much power to talk to Americans.

Churchill, as the Lord of the Navy of the British Empire, was an important member of the cabinet. In addition to discussing the purchase of warships, it is undoubtedly the most appropriate for him to come forward. Churchill also

believed in his ability to persuade the Americans to comply with their demands.

Churchill went to the United States this time, with the expectations of all members of the British cabinet. They all hope that Churchill's visit to the United States will be successful. After all, forming a joint fleet of the three countries and purchasing warships from the Americans will be the most critical step. If you can't buy warships, even if Britain, France and Italy form a joint fleet, it will definitely not be the opponent of the Germans. So, if Churchill can't make it. Then, the whole plan would have no chance of success.

As one of the world's major powers, the United States is also very concerned about the decisive naval battle between Britain and Germany. As soon as the naval battle between Britain and Germany was decided, the US embassy in the UK and some intelligence personnel immediately took action to inquire about the details of the naval battle. After Churchill received a telegram from the Grand Fleet, the Americans also almost figured out the entire naval battle. They immediately sent this information back to the country.

U.S. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was stunned after receiving the telegram. Regarding the sea confrontation between Britain and Germany, the U.S. Navy has also done quite a lot of analysis and war games. They believe that the German navy undoubtedly has a great advantage. However, the British Navy has been the maritime hegemony for hundreds of years, and its background is undoubtedly very strong. Therefore, they predicted that even if the German Navy wants to win the final victory, it will inevitably pay an extremely heavy price.

Such a result is undoubtedly very beneficial to the United States. The German navy, which suffered heavy losses, could no longer pose a threat to the United States. And the United States may also take advantage of this opportunity, and make a little trick behind the scenes to trick the Germans.

As emerging powers, the United States, like Germany, hopes to smash the world colonial system built by countries such as Britain and France, and strive for more interests for their own countries. It's just that the United States absolutely cannot allow Germany to win this war. Because a strong Germany is more threatening to the United States than a weak Britain and France.

If possible, the United States even hopes to join the Allied Powers to ensure the defeat of Germany. After defeating the ambitions of the Germans, they will gradually replace Britain and become the world hegemon.

But it is a pity that the troops of the Allied Powers performed too badly in this war. The United States also has no confidence that it can win the war after joining the war. For this reason, they naturally need to think about it.

Combined with the threat of the Germans to the United States, the United States had no choice but to remain neutral even if it was unwilling.

Therefore, the US government is very concerned about this naval battle. If the Germans lose, or if Germany pays a terrible price, it will not be enough to blockade Britain again. Then, the support of the United States to the United Kingdom may be restored immediately. But unfortunately, as a result of this naval battle, the Americans were once again slapped severely. All their plans seemed so ridiculous in the face of the clean victory of the German navy.

"Oh my god! How could the Germans be so powerful? Didn't the British have been the overlord of the sea for hundreds of years? How could they be defeated by the Germans so easily? And they lost so much!" Minister Daniels was completely dissatisfied with this result. dare to believe.

He then asked the people from the U.S. Navy Department to contact the British side immediately to confirm the authenticity of this information, and then report to President Wilson.

An hour later, Minister Daniels finally confirmed that the information was true. This result kept the Daniels department silent for a long time.

"The Germans are too powerful, so powerful that the British were defeated so easily. It seems that the American Republic cannot go to war with the Germans until it is strong enough. Otherwise, we will definitely fail." Secretary Daniels sighed.

Although the United States has a strong industrial strength, its military strength is too weak. Even if they have now realized this problem, they have begun to strengthen their armaments. However, this cannot be accomplished overnight. And Germany, while having strong industrial strength, also has the most powerful army and navy in the world. Compared with the United States, its comprehensive strength is undoubtedly much stronger than that of the United States.

Although, it's evening EST now too. But Minister Daniels still got in the car and went to the White House to report the results of the Anglo-German naval battle to President Woodrow Wilson.

"Your Excellency, just a few hours ago, the Germans and the British had already decided the final victory in the North Sea." Minister Daniels said.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded: "If I'm not wrong, the Germans should have won! After all, their navy has too many advantages."

"Yes, Your Excellency. The Germans have won this naval battle, which means that the German Navy will replace the British Navy and become the supremacy of the sea. Your Excellency, I suggest that we remain neutral in this war. Otherwise If the Germans are angered, the consequences will be very serious." Minister Daniels said with a serious face.

President Woodrow Wilson was taken aback for a moment, and then he thought of something: "What? Did the Germans win a big victory?"

"Yes, Your Excellency. The Germans defeated the British Royal Navy at a very small cost. In this battle, the Germans only sunk one battleship, and several other battleships and battlecruisers were severely damaged. But However, they sank 22 British battleships and 5 battlecruisers. In addition, they also severely damaged 3 British battleships and 1 battlecruiser." Minister Daniels said.

President Woodrow Wilson, with his mouth open, was almost able to stuff his fist.