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Chapter 471: Strictly observe neutrality

"The Germans only lost one battleship, but they sank 22 British battleships and 5 battlecruisers? This, how is this possible?" President Woodrow Wilson couldn't believe this result at all. After all, such a battle damage ratio is too high.

At the same time, President Woodrow Wilson couldn't help but feel a little rejoicing that he didn't choose to go to war with the Germans. Otherwise, the twelve battleships of the U.S. Navy probably would have been directly eaten by the Germans, and there would be no scum left! The strength shown by the German navy is so strong that no other country has the guts to confront them!

"Yes, Your Excellency. The Germans have achieved such great results. This is undoubtedly beyond everyone's expectations." Minister Daniels said.

"Minister Daniels, I completely agree with your point of view. Germany is already invincible. We should not be its enemy." President Woodrow Wilson felt a little regretful.

Minister Daniels knew what President Woodrow Wilson was lamenting, but there was no way to do it! Who makes the current military strength of the United States far from being able to compete with Germany? Once it breaks with Germany rashly, the final result will be fatal. If it is not done well, the United States will pay a heavy price. Although, the Atlantic has given the United States good protection. However, the Atlantic Ocean is obviously unable to stop the attack of the maritime hegemony.

"Your Excellency, our navy has begun to accelerate its development. With our industrial strength and economic strength, we will soon have a powerful navy that can rival the Germans. By then, we will no longer have to be afraid of the Germans It's over." Minister Daniels said in relief.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded: "I hope so! Tomorrow morning, the cabinet will hold a meeting to discuss the British's loss of this decisive naval battle. Let's discuss how this will affect the American Republic."

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Secretary Daniels nodded.

The next morning, in the conference room of the White House, senior officials of the US cabinet all attended the meeting. However, Secretary of State Brian was late.

"Why hasn't Your Excellency the Secretary of State come yet?" President Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, the Secretary of State just called. The British ambassador made an urgent appointment to meet him. He will come to the meeting after meeting with the British ambassador," the secretary said.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded. He knew that after the disastrous defeat of the British Navy, he might not be able to sit still. That's why I made an urgent appointment with US Secretary of State Bryan, trying to figure out a way here in the US. But it is a pity that the Germans have shown such strong military strength, and the United States is not a fool, how could it offend such a powerful Germany?

"Your Excellency, it seems that the British can't sit still." Vice President Marshall smiled. Although Britain was defeated, this is of no benefit to the United States. However, many high-ranking officials in the United States undoubtedly feel relieved from the bottom of their hearts. After all, over the years, Britain has suppressed the United States a lot. Now, they finally tasted their retribution.

The United States' industrial strength is very strong, but in terms of cutting-edge technology, there is a huge gap with the old continent. This makes Americans often try their best to steal the advanced technology of the

Old Continent. And those countries in the Old Continent are guarding against the United States in every possible way. All of this is as if a hundred years later in another time and space, the West, led by the United States, is doing everything possible to prevent the rise of the Eastern powers.

The other ministers of the US cabinet couldn't help laughing after hearing Vice President Marshall's words.

"Well, the Secretary of State has other things to deal with, so we won't wait for him, let's start the meeting!" President Woodrow Wilson said.

Everyone stopped talking and began to prepare for the meeting.

"Everyone, yesterday the German Navy and the British Navy fought a decisive battle in the North Sea. In the end, the Germans sank 22 battleships and 5 battlecruisers of the British Navy at the cost of one battleship being sunk. As a result, The British Royal Navy has been completely defeated. The German Navy has also replaced the British Royal Navy and has become the new maritime supremacy. Under such circumstances, what should the United States of America do?" President Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, judging from the current battle situation, the victory of the German Navy has undoubtedly further established their victory in this war. According to the information we have obtained, the German Army has been carefully preparing for the past six months. It is foreseeable that They are about to launch a fatal attack on the British and French allied forces on the Western Front. If the British and French allied forces cannot resist, then France will be defeated first. After the navy is defeated, Britain cannot be alone. After France is defeated, they Surrender to Germany, or wait for the Germans to land in Britain and be defeated by the Germans, there is almost no other ending," Secretary of War Garrison said.

"That is to say, the Germans won the war, is that almost certain?" asked President Woodrow Wilson.

"Yes, Your Excellency. At least judging from the current situation, the Germans have a very good chance of winning." Minister Garrison nodded.

"Is it possible that the British and French coalition forces resisted the German attack on the Western Front? In this case, the war will continue to be a stalemate!" Vice President Marshall said.

"It's almost impossible! Even if the Anglo-French coalition can hold off the German attack temporarily. However, after the defeat of the British navy, the connection between Britain and the European continent will be cut off. The French simply cannot afford millions of troops. At that time, they will still be defeated." Minister Garrison said.

"It seems that the Germans defeated Britain and France and became the hegemony of the world. That is already unstoppable!" President Woodrow Wilson sighed.

"Your Excellency, since the Germans are sure to win. Then, we should not provoke the Germans anymore. In that case, it will be very detrimental to us. I suggest that from now on, we strictly observe neutrality and no longer provide the British with Any help. In this case, even if the Germans are dissatisfied with us, they have no excuse to attack us." Vice President Marshall said.

Other US government cabinet ministers also nodded. They agree with this too. That is, the United States must never become enemies with Germany, which is about to win.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded. Under the current circumstances, strictly maintaining neutrality has undoubtedly become the best choice.

Chapter 472: British Intentions (1700 votes plus more)

Although President Woodrow Wilson is still obsessed with world hegemony. But in the face of Germany's powerful military power, he still had to endure temporarily, and could only watch Germany win the war. Watching Germany step on the old powers such as Britain and France and become the new world hegemon.

"Gentlemen, from this war and the final result of the war, I think we should reflect on many aspects. Before, we have always paid attention to the development of industry and economy. We have neglected the construction of military strength. Now, our The industrial output value has become the number one in the world. However, our military power is not even ranked among the top five in the world. Such an extremely unbalanced development has caused a great impact on the improvement of the international status and comprehensive strength of the American Republic. Therefore, I think that from now on, the American Republic needs to strengthen its military strength. Not only the navy, but the army also needs to be strengthened." President Woodrow Wilson said.

In this era, the importance of a country's military power is beyond doubt. If the United States had a strong military force before the outbreak of this world war, they would not be reduced to spectators, and would definitely join it. In that case, they will be able to share enough benefits from it.

A group of cabinet ministers of the US government nodded their heads one after another. They also urgently hope that the United States can have a strong military power.

Navy Secretary Daniels and Secretary of War Garrison both expressed support for this. For a long time, the military power of the United States has been too weak, so that they have little say in the cabinet. Especially when there are no powerful countries around the United States, there is no need for

the United States to maintain a strong army. This naturally made Garrison, the Minister of War, very powerless.

"Your Excellency, we should build a powerful navy so that we can ensure control of the Americas. Before the war broke out, capital from Germany was frantically entering South America. For the Republic of America, it is absolutely It is a threat. Once the Germans win this world war, they will definitely intensify their struggle with the Republic in South America. Without the support of a powerful navy, we will have no way to confront the Germans in South America." Commerce Secretary Redfield reminded.

Woodrow? President Wilson nodded, he also felt the difficulty of this problem.

"Gentlemen, I don't need to say more about the importance of South America to us. If South America is lost, it will be a huge blow to the American Republic. Therefore, we must not lose South America." Woodrow Wilson said the president.

As the world's largest industrial output power, so many industrial products produced by the United States naturally need to be sold. If it cannot be sold, the industry in the United States will be greatly affected, which is very detrimental to the entire United States. Almost all countries in South America are weak countries. Because of the geographical advantage, it is regarded by the United States as their natural raw material origin and market. The importance of this place to the United States is naturally self-evident.

"Your Excellency, the Navy is already building new warships. However, in view of the current emergency situation, I think we need to speed up the progress. We will strive to build a powerful navy within three years." Minister Daniels said.

"Your Excellency, the Army intends to increase the current standing army from 100,000 to 200,000. The next step is to increase it to 500,000. It will also strengthen training and equip more advanced weapons, so that the Army's combat effectiveness will be improved. The gap in the German Army." Minister Garrison also said. Compared with the population of the United States, the strength of the US Army is very small.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded. Both the navy and the army need to be strengthened, that is for sure. Although, this requires a lot of money. But in terms of funds, the United States does not lack. They are rich and powerful enough to support the improvement of the strength of the navy and army.

At this moment, Secretary of State Brian finally arrived.

"Sorry, gentlemen, I'm late." Brian said with a smile on his face.

"Please take a seat, Mr. Bryan. However, our meeting is almost over. At this meeting, we believe that in view of the German Navy winning the decisive battle at sea, Germany won the final victory of the war, almost There is no doubt about it. Therefore, in order not to overly irritate the Germans, we plan to strictly maintain neutrality for the next period of time and absolutely not get involved in the war." President Woodrow Wilson said.

Brian nodded: "Your Excellency, I agree in principle. After all, offending a country that is about to become a hegemon will be very disadvantageous. However, Your Excellency, I have a situation that I must inform you ."

"What's the situation?" President Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Just now, I met with the British ambassador to the United States. The British ambassador to the United States informed us that the British Secretary of the Navy Churchill will pay a secret visit to our country. It is estimated that he will arrive in three days." Bryan said.

"What? The British Secretary of the Navy is going to pay us a secret visit? What are they trying to do?" President Woodrow Wilson couldn't help frowning. He was a little uncertain about what the British were planning to do.

Other cabinet ministers were also talking about it.

"Your Excellency, could it be that the British still want to seek support from us now, or even want to draw us into the war?" Vice President Marshall said.

"We are not fools. When the situation of the war is already clear, how could we join in and make chestnuts for the British." President Wilson shook his head.

A group of people thought about it for a long time, and they all believed that under such circumstances, the British should come to them for support and help. However, from the standpoint of the United States, they are definitely unwilling to get involved at this time. After all, even if the United States wants to join the side, it will also want to join the victor's side. That way, they can share the fruits of victory instead of putting themselves in it.

"Okay, since we can't guess, let's wait until Churchill comes to talk about everything! Anyway, this time we are ready to strictly observe neutrality, no matter what, it will not change!" President Wilson said.

Chapter 473: whimsical

The British destroyer that Churchill was on arrived at the Norfolk Naval Base on the night of March 25. As soon as it entered here, the destroyer directly entered a dock and was tightly covered.

Americans don't want the arrival of the British warships in the United States to be known by the Germans at this juncture. In that case, no one can guarantee what the Germans will think. The United States has decided not to

provoke Germany and not to offend Germany, so naturally it needs to be more cautious.

After Churchill arrived, he was picked up by the US security department directly. He will be placed in an undisclosed location, and he will be interviewed by Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Originally, foreign affairs should be handled by the Secretary of State. But considering that Churchill was Secretary of the Navy in the UK, President Woodrow Wilson arranged for Minister Daniels to join in.

Originally, the United States wanted Churchill to take a break and arrange a meeting tomorrow. However, Churchill strongly demanded that the meeting be held immediately. After thinking about it, the United States agreed to his request.

That night, Churchill met with US Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a secret room in a hotel in Washington.

After exchanging pleasantries, the conversation of the few people gradually got to the point.

"Your Excellency, you are coming to the United States at this time, which really surprised us. I wonder what the purpose of your visit this time is?" Brian asked directly.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, the Royal Navy was defeated by the German Navy a few days ago. We suffered heavy losses. It can be said that we have lost a complete defeat. Under such circumstances, we can no longer compete with Germany." Churchill looked frustrated.

"Minister, we deeply sympathize with what happened to your country. However, the American Republic is a neutral country, and we need to strictly observe neutrality during the war. This position will never change." Bryan directly told Churchill the next The words are blocked to prevent him from

inviting the United States to join the war again. The Americans would not be so stupid when the Allied Powers were about to fail.

Before, the British had already invited the United States to join the war. However, at that time, the United States believed that the situation of the war was still unclear, so it declined. Now, the battle situation has become clear, but the Allied Powers are obviously at a disadvantage, and may even lose the war soon. Under such circumstances, of course the Americans will no longer join the Allied Powers to fight, isn't it obvious that they will lose?

After hearing what Brian said, Churchill couldn't help but smiled wryly. The attitude of the Americans is undoubtedly very obvious, that is, they think that Britain will definitely lose the war, so they don't want to be tied to Britain anymore.

In the eyes of Churchill, the United States is nothing but an upstart. If the British Empire was still very strong, Americans would never dare to treat the British Empire with this attitude. But the current British Empire no longer has the strength to make Americans feel scared. All these made Churchill very sad.

"Secretary of State, I came to the United States this time to seek help from the United States. However, we will not force the United States to join the Allies. Of course, if the United States can join the Allies and defeat the evil Germany with us, then naturally Nothing could be better," Churchill said.

"Your Excellency, it is impossible to join the Allied Powers to fight. How does Britain want us to help you?" Secretary of State Bryan said.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, the British Empire hopes to purchase a batch of warships from your country." Churchill said.

"Buy a battleship?" Both Brian and Daniels were stunned. When is the time for the British Empire to purchase warships? It's still incredible that they

have always looked down on the US Navy warship. Of course, everything is understandable when one thinks that Britain suffered heavy losses in this naval battle just now.

"Your Excellency Churchill, how many warships does your country plan to order? The shipbuilding industry of the Republic of America is definitely at the forefront of the world. Once your country places an order, we can definitely build it for you in the shortest possible time." Minister Daniels was excited.

Brian also nodded with a smile. The arms trade has always been the most profitable. In the past, they could only watch the British make a lot of money in the arms market, but they couldn't get any orders. Unexpectedly, now the British have come to them. As long as the United States can build warships for the United Kingdom, this will undoubtedly be of great help to the improvement of the United States' shipbuilding capabilities. At the same time, it is equivalent to advertising for the United States all over the world. At that time, the U.S. military arms will definitely be able to open up the situation in the international arms market.

However, Churchill shook his head. This made Brian and Minister Daniels a little confused, wondering what the British were going to do.

"Your Excellency Secretary of State, Your Excellency the Minister of the Navy, the British Empire hopes to purchase the twelve capital ships currently in service in your navy!" Churchill said.

"What?" Brian and Daniels were immediately stunned. They never expected that the Americans would make such a request. You know, the U.S. Navy only has these twelve capital ships now! The other warships are nothing more than old pre-dreadnought ships. Actual combat has long proved that the old former dreadnoughts are no match for the new dreadnoughts at all. If the United States sold all twelve capital ships to the United Kingdom, wouldn't the

U.S. Navy be emptied all at once? At that time, how can the security of the United States be guaranteed?

Although, there are a number of capital ships under construction in American shipyards. However, the construction of capital ships has always taken time. This is especially true for the United States. Under such circumstances, if they sell their warships to the United Kingdom, it means that they will have no navy to protect their maritime interests for a long time. This is completely unacceptable for the United States.

"Minister of the Navy, unfortunately, we cannot agree to your country's request! The Republic of America also needs a strong navy to protect our interests. If we sell the warship to your country, the security of the United States of America will depend on There is no guarantee. Therefore, we will not agree to your country's request." Secretary of State Bryan refused without thinking.

Are you kidding me? Although the strength of the U.S. Navy is not strong, how could they sell those capital ships? The British are just too whimsical.

Chapter 474: glib

Churchill obviously expected that Brian would reject his request, and he was not annoyed. Because he knows that any country will definitely refuse such a request. However, Churchill is confident that he can persuade the United States.

"Your Excellency, I know that such a request is indeed a bit abrupt. But please believe me, this will not cause any loss to the United States. On the contrary, it will bring you a lot of benefits." Churchill looked sincere Said.

"Minister, if we sell warships to you, will this make us offend the Germans? What if the Germans use this as an excuse to start a war against us?" Minister Daniels said.

Churchill laughed, and then said: "Your Excellency, it is impossible for the Germans to declare war on the United States. Germany now does not have that capability at all. Even if the Germans win the war in the future, they will not declare war on the United States." Yes. On the one hand, the barrier of the Atlantic Ocean makes it difficult for the Germans to project their military power to the United States. On the other hand, the United States is a powerful country. Whether it is population or industrial strength, it is a first-class power. In such a Under the circumstances, if the Germans want to use force against the United States, there will be no chance of winning at all."

Both Brian and Minister Daniels nodded involuntarily. Indeed, although the military strength of the United States is not as good as that of Germany. However, if Germany dared to attack the United States, they would not lose. If tens of millions of Americans mobilize and arm millions of troops, there will be no problem at all. Coupled with the barrier of the Atlantic Ocean, it is impossible for Germany to project all its military power to North America. Therefore, the odds of the United States are undoubtedly great.

"In this case, why can't the United States sell those warships to us? The United States will obtain a huge amount of funds. If those funds are used for naval construction, the strength of the United States navy will be improved again. Yes. At that time, you will have stronger strength to deal with the threat of the Germans. This will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the United States. In addition, the British Empire will have the strength to continue to cooperate with us if those warships are sold to us. The Germans are fighting. If we can defeat the Germans, the United States will no longer be a threat. Even if we fail to succeed in the end and are defeated by the Germans, we will definitely be able to further consume the strength of the Germans. At that time, they will also not have enough strength to attack the United States. For you, this will kill two birds with one stone." Churchill tried his best to persuade.

Minister Brian and Daniels both had to admit that what Churchill said was very tempting. If the U.S. Navy wants to vigorously develop its military power, it is definitely not enough to rely solely on the budget allocated by Congress. Especially when the combat effectiveness of the capital ships of the German Navy is so strong, they need more powerful capital ships. If a sum of funds can be obtained from the British, it will be very helpful for them to build more capital ships.

In addition, the United States undoubtedly hopes that this war can last as long as possible. In this way, they can wait for Germany to consume more national power in this war. The more power Germany expends, the safer America will be.

In this way, selling those capital ships to the United Kingdom and letting them fight the Germans will undoubtedly kill two birds with one stone for the United States.

"Your Excellency, even if we sell all twelve capital ships to you, you are probably not the opponents of the Germans, are you?" Minister Daniels asked. After all, when Britain suffered heavy losses, their strength was already far behind that of Germany. It is almost impossible for the UK to reverse the situation.

"Your Excellency, we still have eight capital ships. If we buy 12 capital ships from your country, then our capital ships will rise to 20. In addition, our French allies also have 10 capital ships. The Kingdom of Italy also has six capital ships. If we add them all together, we will not be inferior to the Germans in terms of the number of capital ships!" Churchill said.

Brian and Minister Daniels suddenly realized that after suffering such a disastrous failure, the British still did not give up! They are ready to gather the strength of the entire Allied Powers to confront the Germans. This made Brian and Minister Daniels couldn't help admiring these British people. Their will to

fight was undoubtedly not available in the United States. If the United States also had such a will, maybe the United States would have risen to become a military power long ago.

"But even if you can assemble 36 battleships, I'm afraid it will be difficult to defeat the Germans, right? The German navy is too strong!" Minister Daniels asked.

Churchill nodded: "Yes, Your Excellency. Even if we gather the same number of battleships as the Germans, it will be difficult for us to defeat them. However, we will never give up because the chances of winning are not high. For the British Empire It is said that the greatest threat to us from the Germans is their blockade of us. If their blockade can be lifted, then the British Empire will have enough strength to continue fighting. Our newly built capital ships can also continue to be built , and completed the construction in a very short period of time. At that time, we don't have to be afraid of them. Therefore, our purpose of reorganizing a powerful fleet is not to really defeat the Germans, even if we can fight with them and lose both. The final victory must also belong to us. Therefore, I implore the United States to help us!"

In order to achieve his goal, Churchill lowered his noble head. You know, the British have always looked aloof in front of these Americans. Now, they have to lower their stance.

Of course, this made Churchill very aggrieved, but for the sake of the British Empire and to defeat the Germans, he had to do this. As long as the British Empire can win this war, the core interests of the British Empire can be guaranteed. Then, everything he has done now is undoubtedly worthwhile. Face is such an illusory thing, it can be recovered later.

Regarding Churchill's performance, Brian and Daniels were shocked, but also secretly pleased.

In their view, the United States can indeed sell these warships to the United Kingdom. This is very good for the United States.

"Minister, I need to report to the President before I can reply to you!" Brian said.

"Okay, sir." Churchill nodded. Brian's attitude made him feel that there was a glimmer of hope.

Chapter 475: Lion's big mouth

"The British actually want to buy our warships? Or the twelve capital ships in active service?" President Woodrow Wilson couldn't help being stunned after hearing the request from the British side. Obviously, this also exceeded his expectations.

"Yes, Your Excellency. The British side has made a formal request, hoping that we can sell the twelve capital ships in active service to them." Secretary of State Bryan said.

"What exactly do the British want? Isn't their request too ridiculous?" President Woodrow Wilson shook his head speechlessly. Obviously, he couldn't understand the thinking of the British.

"Your Excellency, the British also wanted to buy from us because they were beaten so badly by the Germans in the decisive battle at sea. They only have 8 capital ships left now." Daniels said. said the minister.

President Woodrow Wilson couldn't help but raised his eyebrows when he heard the words. From Minister Daniels' words, he actually heard that the other party was inclined to agree to the request of the British, which surprised him very much.

"What? Daniels, do you agree to sell those capital ships to the British? If those capital ships are sold, then we can only rely on those old former dreadnoughts to protect our coastline." President Woodrow Wilson Said.

"Yes, Your Excellency. Originally, I did not agree to sell those capital ships to the British. After all, our navy is not strong now. However, what Churchill said convinced me. Now, I am inclined to sell them Sell those warships," Secretary Daniels said.

"Oh? How did Churchill convince you?"

"Your Excellency, first of all, we are a neutral country. Even if we sell warships to the UK, the Germans are very dissatisfied. But they have nothing to do with us. Now Germany is deeply involved in the war, and it is they who defeated Britain, France and other countries The primary target. They will not fight us at this time. Even after the war is over, it is impossible for the Germans to fight us. Thousands of kilometers of the Atlantic Ocean are not so easy to cross. Germany's strong military power, without So easy to send to the west coast of the Atlantic. In addition, the American Republic has never been a weak country. Even if our navy is not the opponent of the Germans for the time being. However, if the Germans want to attack our homeland and defeat us, it is impossible Yes," Secretary Daniels said.

Woodrow? President Wilson nodded, this is indeed very reasonable.

"Secondly, we can get a lot of money by selling these warships to the British. We also need a lot of money to build new battleships. If we can get a sum of money from the British, this will effectively ease our finances Pressure. We can also build more battleships, which will help our future confrontation with the Germans.

Finally, the British showed their determination to fight the Germans again to the end. This is also very beneficial to the Republic of America. After we sell our capital ship to the British, the British, the French and the Italians will unite to fight the Germans again in a decisive battle. If the Allies win, Germany's threat to us will be completely removed. Even if the Allied Powers cannot win, they will definitely pay a lot of losses in the decisive battle. A

weakened Germany will also minimize our threat. If the German navy suffered heavy losses in this battle, their blockade of Britain would also collapse. At that time, Britain will be able to use overseas resources to further develop its own strength. In that case, the war might be able to continue. "

Minister Daniels added his own understanding to what Churchill said, and explained to President Woodrow Wilson.

After listening to President Woodrow Wilson, he did not express his position immediately, but was thinking. Indeed, their sale of capital ships to the United Kingdom seems to be of great benefit to the United States and no harm.

"Secretary of State, what do you think?" President Woodrow Wilson asked.

"Your Excellency, since selling warships to the British has so many benefits. At the same time, the Germans have nothing to do with us, so naturally they should sell warships to the British. Let the British continue to fight the Germans. They fight The longer the better, the best is to smash the entire Old Continent into pieces. In that case, no one will be able to stop the rise of the American Republic." Brian smiled.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded again and again: "It is true that the continuation of this war is very beneficial to the American Republic. Then, let us let the war continue!"

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Both Brian and Minister Daniels replied.

"During the negotiation with the British, the asking price should be raised as much as possible. After all, the British have ruled the world for so many years and accumulated a lot of wealth. Now is undoubtedly an excellent opportunity for us." Woodrow ? President Wilson said.

"Your Excellency, I think that the battleships we sell to the British can cost 50 million U.S. dollars per capital ship. Armored cruisers can go for 20 million U.S. dollars. Light cruisers can also go for 10 million U.S. dollars directly. Destroyers can go for 30 million U.S. dollars. One million dollars. I believe that the British will definitely not refuse!" Minister Daniels said with a smile. He finally had such an opportunity, of course he would not let it go. The butcher's knife in his hand was already raised high, just waiting to stab the British severely. Anyway, this is a one-shot deal, so naturally the asking price should be raised as much as possible.

"Well, yes, I am very satisfied with this price." President Woodrow Wilson laughed. This addition is already five or six times their construction cost. If these warships can be sold at such a price, then all the funds for the construction of the new warships of the US Navy will be collected.

"In addition, the British's 381mm main gun and steam turbine technology are also more advanced than ours. Since we provide them with these warships at such a critical juncture, the British will naturally transfer these two technologies to us for free" Secretary Daniels continued.

Compared with Britain and Germany, the U.S. Navy still has a big gap in terms of large-caliber main guns and power plants. If these two key technologies can be obtained from the United Kingdom, it will make up for the shortcomings in this area and further enhance the strength of the US Navy.

President Woodrow Wilson, of course, is very supportive of this.

Chapter 476: Taking advantage of the fire to rob

Early the next morning, US Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels met with Churchill again. Churchill looked terrible, with messy hair and red eyes, as if he hadn't slept at all last night.

"Your Excellency, did you rest well last night?" Brian asked with concern.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, how can I sleep until I get your reply! The current situation is becoming more and more unfavorable to the British Empire. If the warship cannot be purchased from your country as soon as possible, the situation will deteriorate further." Churchill looked anxious.

"Minister, then, I would like to congratulate you now. I have brought you good news. Your Excellency has agreed in principle to sell the capital ships we are currently serving to your country." Bryan said.

"What? Is this true? This is really great!" Churchill suddenly looked ecstatic. Although, he has always believed that the Americans are unlikely to refuse their demands. However, the Americans agreed overnight, which still made him very happy. If the handover of warships on the American side goes smoothly, then, a month later, they can once again organize a huge fleet to fight a decisive battle with the German navy. At that time, it is still unclear who will win the battle.

"Yes, Your Excellency, we can sell these capital ships to your country. However, since these capital ships are an important force of the US Navy, after selling them to your country, our naval strength will directly drop to the lowest point. Therefore, these The cost of capital ships is not cheap. In addition, your country should also need a batch of armored cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers! The Republic of America can also sell them to your country." Bryan continued.

Churchill nodded. He knew that the Americans would not let go of such a good opportunity. To bring those twelve battleships back to the UK, they had to be prepared to bleed heavily.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, in addition to the 12 capital ships, we also need to purchase 6 armored cruisers, 20 light cruisers and 50 destroyers from your country." Churchill said.

"Well, this would be the best. The specific price will be discussed by Minister Daniels with you!" After Secretary Brian finished speaking, he immediately fell silent.

Churchill looked at US Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

"Your Excellency, after deliberation, we believe that the price of each battleship is 80 million dollars, the price of each armored cruiser is 40 million dollars, the price of each light cruiser is 20 million dollars, and the price of each destroyer is 20 million dollars. Five million dollars." Minister Daniels said a series of prices.

After hearing these prices, Churchill couldn't help but widen his eyes. He had expected for a long time that the Americans would open their mouths, but he did not expect that the offer they made would be so outrageous. You know, the exchange rate between the US dollar and the pound is five to one, that is to say, a battleship worth 80 million US dollars is equivalent to 16 million pounds. This price is definitely a sky-high price. You know, even the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleships of the British Navy cost only two million pounds each. The Americans directly offered a price eight times that of the "Queen Elizabeth-class" battleship. This is simply slaughtering the UK as a fat sheep!

"Your Excellency, did I hear you right? Are the prices proposed by your country too outrageous?" Churchill said.

"No, Your Excellency, the price is not outrageous at all. After all, the United States of America sold these battleships to your country, which took a very big risk. If the Germans declare war on us, it will be troublesome. So, we need to prepare early." Minister Daniels said.

"The Germans will never declare war on you because you sold us warships!" Churchill said.

"That's not certain." Minister Daniels refused to budge.

"Well, Your Excellency, the price is too high for the British Empire to accept." Churchill said.

"Your Excellency, if this price is unacceptable to your country, then we can only express regret." Bryan said.

Obviously, the Americans are now convinced that the British have no other way but to buy warships from them. Therefore, they don't have to worry about whether the British will not buy it. In that case, their plan to fight back against the Germans can only be aborted. In this war, the British will never have a chance to come back.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, your country sells warships to us, which is of great benefit to both of us. If your country's asking price is too high, so that we cannot buy these warships, it will only let the Germans take advantage of it." Churchill Said.

"Your Excellency, this has nothing to do with us. The United States is a neutral country, and it is impossible for Germany to go to war against us. Even if they have this intention, they don't have the ability. The American Republic can defeat all threats." Minister Daniels Said.

Churchill was very speechless. The Americans clearly decided to eat them, so they wanted to take advantage of the fire. He wanted to refuse, but he knew that if he refused the Americans, everything would be over.

After thinking about it, Churchill knew he had no choice but to swallow his breath. He vowed that after Britain survives this crisis, it will definitely make Americans look good.

Of course, this does not mean that Churchill will directly agree with the price offered by the United States. This is like doing business, and it is also necessary to bargain.

When Churchill and Daniels were bargaining, they started to compete on prices like vendors in a vegetable market. It's just that Britain is really at a disadvantage. Even if Churchill tried his best, he couldn't keep the price down. After Daniels backed down to the final bottom line, that is, the price of a battleship is 50 million U.S. dollars, the price of an armored cruiser is 20 million U.S. dollars, the price of a light cruiser is 10 million U.S. dollars, and the price of a destroyer is 3 million U.S. dollars. Don't give in any more.

Seeing this situation, Churchill had to accept the price. After all, if you don't accept it, then the deal will collapse.

When Churchill nodded, there was a hint of surprise in the eyes of Brian and Daniels. Even if the economic situation of the United States is very good, the funds obtained from the sale of these warships are undoubtedly a huge sum of money for them!

According to the price they reached, the British will pay 1.17 billion U.S. dollars for the purchase of 12 battleships, 6 armored cruisers, 20 light cruisers and destroyers, which is equivalent to 214 million pounds. 1.35 billion marks!

Chapter 477: Colonies for warships (seeking monthly pass)

One billion and seventy million US dollars, in 1915, this is definitely an astronomical figure. Even, this is more than the military expenditure of the United States for a year. If the U.S. Navy obtains this funding, it will be able to build at least forty new capital ships, making the U.S. Navy a powerful force that can rival the German Navy in an instant. If you add the U.S. government's investment in the navy, it is no problem to surpass the German navy.

Minister Daniels is very satisfied when he thinks that with such a huge sum of money in hand, the U.S. Navy will usher in explosive growth. As the Minister of the Navy, he certainly hopes that the US Navy will be as strong as possible, and it is best to surpass Germany and become the new maritime hegemony. Although, he knew it was very difficult, very not easy. But he

believes that as long as there is enough financial support, everything will be very easy to achieve.

"By the way, Your Excellency. The Republic of America hopes to obtain your country's 381mm main gun technology and a full set of steam turbine technology." Minister Daniels continued. These two most critical technologies are also what the U.S. Navy is determined to win.

Churchill was taken aback, and said casually: "Of course there is no problem. However, the British Empire spent a lot of manpower and material resources to develop these two technologies. If the American Republic needs it, we can offer it to you at a preferential price. transfer."

Although these two technologies are advanced British technologies, they are absolutely not allowed to flow abroad unless it is absolutely necessary. However, the current situation is critical, and I can't care so much anymore.

In addition, Churchill also hoped to use these two technologies to make a big hit from the Americans. That way, you might be able to save some money. After all, more than one billion U.S. dollars is simply a huge sum of money that the United Kingdom cannot afford.

However, Churchill soon knew that he underestimated the shamelessness of these Americans. Americans simply want to take these two British technologies for nothing, without paying a penny.

"Cough! Your Excellency, you misunderstood. The American Republic hopes that the British Empire can transfer these two technologies to the American Republic for free, as a little compensation for the American Republic's huge risk!" Minister Daniels said.

Churchill blushed suddenly, he never thought that these Americans would be so shameless. He even wanted to get up and give the other party a slap immediately. It was clear that the Americans were taking advantage of them

and robbing them. However, he had no choice but to suppress his anger, and he couldn't make a big deal out of small things.

"Minister, the American Republic took the risk of offending the Germans to support the British Empire. The British Empire will not be so stingy that they are unwilling to transfer two technologies?" Bryan asked.

Churchill twitched the corners of his mouth in distress. Those are the two most critical skills! However, since the Americans have said so, can he still refuse?

"Well, for the friendship of the British Empire and the American Republic, we promise to transfer these two technologies to your country." Churchill pretended to be nonchalant even though his heart was bleeding.

"Very good, Your Excellency. I believe that the friendship between our two countries can continue." Brian laughed.

"However, Your Excellency Secretary of State, the British Empire simply doesn't have that much money to pay for this purchase of ships, so we hope to be able to borrow from the United States and use loans to pay for it!" Churchill said.

"What? Loan?" Brian and Daniels suddenly turned ugly. They don't want to continue to provide loans to the British. Although they have provided a lot of loans to the British before, judging from the current battle situation, the possibility of the British winning is very small. If they continue to provide loans to them, it will be like a meat bun beating a dog. Go without return? Americans would not do such a cheap business.

"Your Excellency, let's forget about the loan. The funds of the American Republic are not abundant." Brian smiled.

"Your Excellency, your country can use other equivalent items to pay, such as gold or other precious metals, etc." Minister Daniels said.

Churchill hesitated for a moment, and then said: "Since the United States cannot provide us with loans, then we have only one way. The British Empire hopes to repay the purchase of ships by transferring colonies to your country."

"Transfer the colony?" Brian and Daniel were stunned for a moment.

The United States has always coveted the vast colonies of the British Empire. If possible, they would like to personally defeat the British Empire and **** all the colonies of the British Empire. However, after comparing the military strength of the two sides, the Americans had no choice but to give up this unrealistic fantasy, and could only watch with envy that the Germans were about to defeat the British and take away those colonies.

Now, the British are actually willing to transfer the colony to them in order to repay the construction money, which is an acceptable solution for the United States. After all, the United States does not lack funds and the like, and they value colonies more.

"Your Excellency, if it is a colony, then your country intends to transfer those colonies to us. After all, one billion and seventy million dollars is a huge sum of money. If it is a colony with poor conditions, the United States does not need it." Brian said.

Britain's colonies are mostly good places, but there are also a few that are not so good.

"Your Excellency, Secretary of State, if your country agrees, we can transfer the two colonies of the Bahamas and Jamaica to you to offset the purchase of the ship." Churchill said.

Bryan shook his head immediately: "Your Excellency, the two colonies of Bahamas and Jamaica are not big, and they are not worth so much money."

Churchill thought for a while, and then said: "We can add Grenada. The price of these three colonies is enough to offset the purchase of the ship."

These three colonies are all islands in the Caribbean Sea, and their geographical location is very important. Especially for the United States, if they have these colonies, they can further expand their power to South America. If Germany defeated Britain and occupied these colonies, it would directly threaten the continental United States.

However, if these three colonies are sold for one billion seventy million US dollars, this is also a sky-high price. After all, when the British seized these colonies, they did not spend much effort at all.

Chapter 478: secret deal

Bahamas, Jamaica and Grenada, these three colonies are only a very small part of the huge overseas colonies of the British Empire. Even, it can only be regarded as some corners and corners. Compared with a core colony like India, it is nothing at all. Churchill believed that if the Americans could agree to exchange these three colonies for those warships, there would be no opposition in Britain.

Minister Brian and Daniels, after thinking about it, said to Churchill: "Minister, I need to report to the President. Such a major matter needs to be decided by the President!"

Churchill nodded: "I can understand, because I also need to report to the country. However, I believe that as long as both of us are sincere, everything will be fine!"

"Okay, Your Excellency, may we have a happy cooperation." Brian said.

Though, Bryan would love to get more colonies from the British, or better yet. But he knew that although Britain was in crisis, they were not so easy to surrender. You know, they have always cherished those colonies very much. Now, the British have actually agreed to take out the colonies in exchange for warships, which is already a great improvement.

After Minister Brian and Daniels left the hotel, they rushed to the White House to report the results of the negotiations to President Woodrow Wilson.

President Woodrow Wilson was very satisfied with being able to sell those warships for a high price of one billion seventy million dollars. This is undoubtedly a huge sum of money for the Republic of America.

However, President Woodrow Wilson was a little dissatisfied with the British payment method, which was replaced by colonies. After all, although the locations of the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Grenada given by the British are very good, the area is too small.

"I agree in principle with the British exchange of colonies for those warships. However, it is not enough to exchange the Bahamas, Jamaica and Grenada for our many warships. Tell the British that it is best to send the special Trinidad and Tobago and Antigua and Barbuda are also on board," said President Woodrow Wilson.

In this case, the United States is equivalent to taking all the British colonies in the Caribbean Sea into its pocket. This also allows the United States to occupy a great advantage in the Caribbean Sea. It can even use these islands in the Caribbean Sea as a springboard to further expand to South America.

"Your Excellency, the British will probably not agree to adding two more colonies." Brian frowned.

"The British are asking us now. Even if they are dissatisfied, they should not refuse our request! After all, apart from us being able to help them, there is no other country in the world that can provide them with such What's more, if they lose the war, all these colonies will be owned by the Germans. That will be a huge threat to the American Republic, and we must try our best to avoid such a situation from happening. said President Woodrow Wilson.

"Yes, Mr. President. Once the Germans have these colonies, it will be very bad for us. However, Mr. President, I think we can adopt some strategies, such as making an agreement with the British, if they can defeat Germany in the war people, then we will return Trinidad and Tobago and Antigua and Barbuda to them. If they are defeated by the Germans, then these two colonies will naturally belong to us." Daniels suggested the minister.

"This is a very good way. Your Excellency, even if the British bought warships from us and joined forces with the French and Italian fleets, it would undoubtedly be very difficult to defeat the Germans. Therefore, the two In the colony, it must belong to us in the end." Brian said.

President Woodrow Wilson nodded: "Well, let's do this!"

At the same time, Churchill was also in contact with the country. To buy warships from the United States at such an expensive price, he must obtain domestic approval. Besides, such a major event as the transfer of colonies must be authorized by the country. Otherwise, he would not be able to succeed at all.

Prime Minister Asquith was also very angry when he learned that the Americans had actually offered such a sky-high price of one billion and seventy million U.S. dollars. The Americans clearly regarded them as fat sheep and slaughtered them fiercely! At such a price, if Britain built its own warships, it would be enough to build a more powerful Royal Navy.

But Prime Minister Asquith also knows that it is Britain who is begging the United States to buy those warships, not the United States insisting on selling them to them. Therefore, no matter how harsh the conditions of the Americans are, they can only agree. Otherwise, there would be no way for Churchill's plan to continue to be implemented. That undoubtedly means that Britain has completely lost the war, and there is no chance of a comeback. At

that time, Britain will lose a complete defeat, and not only everything they have will be taken away by the Germans.

As for the exchange of colonies for those warships, Prime Minister Asquith agreed. Most of the senior officials in the British cabinet did not object. After all, although colonies are very important to Britain, ensuring Britain's victory in the war is the most important thing. If they lose the war, they will pay a greater price for it.

So, after venting his anger, Prime Minister Asquith still instructed Churchill to agree to the terms of the Americans.

However, Churchill was also very dissatisfied after learning that the Americans had made new demands. However, the Americans were very firm, and he had no choice but to accept the conditions of the Americans after consulting the country.

Subsequently, the United Kingdom made a secret agreement with the United States. The British used the colonies of Bahamas, Jamaica, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Antigua and Barbuda for one billion seventy million U.S. dollars. 12 battleships, 5 battlecruisers, 20 light cruisers and 50 destroyers were purchased from the United States. At the same time, Britain will also transfer 381mm main gun technology and new steam turbine technology to the United States.

These warships will be transported by the United Kingdom from within the country to transport a group of naval sailors, plus the sailors they recruited from Canada to drive back to the United Kingdom. The U.S. government will keep the deal secret until the British bring the fleet home. Of course, in order not to leak the news, the United States required the British to drive these warships away within one month.

Chapter 479: french determination

Paris has always been known as the capital of romance. Those exquisite and elegant buildings, as well as the scenery on both sides of the Seine River, have always been places where people linger and forget to return. The French love romance, as the whole world knows. It's just that this also makes the combat effectiveness of the French army have always been poor. Except that during the Napoleonic Empire era, the French army was invincible across Europe, the rest of the time, the performance of the French army was very bad. During the Franco-Prussian War, it was even beaten by the Prussians and begged for mercy. Even the emperor was captured. up.

In this world war, the performance of the French army was also not very good. After the war broke out, the reorganization of the French Army had not yet been completed. As a last resort, the unreorganized troops had to be sent to the battlefield to resist the German attack. Coupled with strategic mistakes, the French army suffered heavy casualties in the early stages of the war.

If it weren't for the timely reinforcements of the British Expeditionary Force, and the German Army's strategy also had problems, perhaps France had already failed in this war.

Even now, the German army has advanced to the Marne River, which is only a few tens of kilometers away from Paris. This is undoubtedly a fatal threat to Paris. If the German army made another breakthrough, it might push the front line directly to the city of Paris. At that time, this beautiful city will be destroyed in the flames of war.

The current situation is also very unfavorable for France. The Russian ally they depended on collapsed directly, and the newly established cloth party Russia even made peace with the Germans and directly withdrew from the war. The whole of Russia is now a mess, and it is completely impossible

to expect them to keep the Germans in check. This made France have to bear the strong pressure brought by Germany alone.

Although, the British expeditionary force sent to France has increased to millions. The total size of the French Army has also mobilized to more than two million. However, the French generals have no idea whether they can withstand the German attack.

It's just that the British are obviously unreliable. The Royal Navy, which was once the number one in the world, was actually defeated by the German Navy, and all the main forces were wiped out. It seems that it is only one step away from being defeated. This made people in France panic even more. Some senior officials of the French government even began to declare that it was impossible to win this war. If they wanted to keep more interests of France, they could only make peace with Germany. Of course, this is not the mainstream view. Most of the senior French officials and army generals still want to continue to resist.

After all, they know very well that with the greedy character of the Germans, if they make peace with Germany, they will inevitably be severely slaughtered by the Germans. This is undoubtedly unacceptable for France. What's more, they still have so many troops now, so they want to fight again.

When the British Secretary of the Navy Churchill went to the United States to discuss the purchase of warships, the British Foreign Office also contacted France, hoping that the French Navy could fully support the British Navy and then fight a decisive battle with the German Navy.

However, the French side did not immediately agree to this.

Before the rise of Germany, France was also regarded as a maritime power second only to Britain. Especially during the period of King Louis XIV and the Napoleon Empire, it once competed with Britain for maritime

supremacy. Of course, in the end they failed. Coupled with Germany's threat to France, France can only shift its focus to the construction of the army.

But even so, France still retains a navy among the top five in the world. Because France also has vast colonies overseas, the safety of those colonies is also very important to France.

"Gentlemen, the UK has made a formal request to us, and hopes to get the cooperation of our navy to defeat the German navy and reverse the situation of the war. What do you think we should do? Should we agree to the British request?" French President asked Raymond Poincaré.

"Your Excellency, I think we should cooperate with Britain. Now, we are allies. In the war against the Germans, we must cooperate closely. Only in this way can we defeat the Germans and win the war." Prime Minister René Viviani made his statement first.

"Yes, Your Excellency. I also agree to cooperate with the British Royal Navy to find a way to defeat the Germans. Although, the Royal Navy has already failed once, and the loss is very large. But if, as they say, it can be bought from the Americans With a batch of warships, plus our capital ships and the Italians, we are fully capable of another decisive battle with Germany. If we can win this time, then our disadvantaged situation will be greatly improved. "Navy Secretary Victor Gagnul said.

"Will the Americans sell warships to the British? Even if we and the Italians are added, it will be very difficult to defeat the Germans!" Minister of War Alexander Millerand was a little worried.

"It is true that the Germans are too powerful. So, I am also worried about this." Foreign Minister Théophile Del Casse said.

"No matter how great the chance of winning is, we always have to try. Otherwise, we can only sit back and watch the Germans' advantages continue to expand, and eventually lose this war!" Prime Minister René Viviani said.

"Yes, I fully agree with the Prime Minister's views. The French Republic has reached the most critical moment, and we must do our best. Otherwise, we will fail in the end." President Raymond Poincaré said .

Now France, although the combat effectiveness of the troops is not strong. However, their determination to fight was undoubtedly strong. The French know that if they don't work hard, they will have to taste the consequences of the failure of the Franco-Prussian War again. Even, the requirements of the Germans this time will be more stringent than those after their failure in the Franco-Prussian War.

With the full support of the president and the prime minister, other French cabinet ministers naturally have no other opinions.

Immediately, French President Raymond Poincaré signed an order agreeing to form a coalition with the British Navy to fight a decisive battle with the German Navy. This time, the French Navy will send all ten capital ships, as well as 15 light cruisers and 30 destroyers to join the coalition forces. You know, this has already mobilized all the main forces of the French navy. If it fails again this time, the French Navy will never recover from it.

Chapter 480: victory is in sight

After the German Navy won the decisive naval battle with the Royal Navy, the whole of Germany cheered. They were not only happy for the victory of the German Empire, but also cheered for the war that was about to end.

In the eyes of most Germans, the war should be won soon. Because the German army really had too much of an advantage in this war. The German Army has already achieved victory on the Eastern Front. Russia has been

defeated, and now the Burundian Party has signed an armistice treaty with Germany, allowing Germany to achieve extremely fruitful results.

Now, the German Navy has defeated the British Navy. So, apart from the British and French coalition forces deployed in northern France, what other forces did the Allies have to fight Germany? Even if the total strength of the British and French coalition forces has increased to nearly 3 million people. But the German people are still full of confidence in the German army. They believed that the German army would surely win.

As for another big country in the Allied Powers, the Kingdom of Italy that betrayed the Allied Powers, no one cared at all. After the Italians joined the war, they did nothing but launch a few rounds of offensives in the southern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. In other words, it was because they suffered heavy losses in the offensive that the Italians did not dare to act rashly.

Especially after the Eastern Front was over, the army of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was able to return to the country, which directly posed a fatal threat to the Kingdom of Italy. While strengthening the defense line in the north, the Italians asked Britain and France for help, hoping that Britain and France could send troops to reinforce them. It's a pity that Britain and France are now unable to protect themselves, so naturally they have no power to reinforce them.

The German General Staff, the generals of the German Army, plus Wilhelm II and Qin Tian, all gathered here. After the German Navy has achieved a decisive victory in the naval battle, all eyes are on the German Army. As long as the German Army can also defeat the British and French allied forces in the next battle. Then Germany will win this battle.

King Wilhelm II is in a very good mood at the moment. After half a year of preparation, the troops deployed by the German Army on the Western Front

are already strong. Although, the strength of the British and French coalition forces is also getting stronger and stronger. However, William II believed that with the strength of the German army, it would definitely be able to defeat the British and French allied forces. When the German Army defeated the British and French allied forces, then the final victory would naturally belong to the German Empire. At that time, the German Empire will replace the British Empire as the world hegemony. The whole of Europe and the whole world will prostrate at the feet of the German Empire. And he will also become the greatest emperor in the world. Thinking of this, William II was very excited.

"Everyone, it has been more than half a year since the war started. In the past half a year, the empire has achieved one brilliant victory after another. Now, the empire is not far from winning the final victory. I hope We can defeat the Anglo-French coalition forces and France on the Western Front. In this case, our enemy will only have one British person left." William II said.

As for the Kingdom of Italy, it was also not taken seriously by William II. In William II's view, the Italians could not even defeat the Austro-Hungarian Empire, let alone the German Empire. At that time, Germany only needs to send a small amount of troops to assist the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and it will be able to completely defeat the Kingdom of Italy. Everything will be very easy.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" The generals of the Imperial Army replied excitedly.

They were also greatly stimulated by the victory of the Imperial Navy. In comparison, the performance of the Imperial Army on the Western Front last year was not so satisfactory. Of course, William II blamed all the responsibility on Little Maoqi. These generals naturally believed that the culprit for their failure to win on the Western Front was Xiao Moqi. Although, the reasons for the German Army's failure on the Western Front last year were manifold. But

now no one cares. Now that Xiao Maoqi has already taken the blame, naturally no one cares anymore.

"According to the information we have received, the expeditionary force sent by the British to France has already exceeded one million people. The French Army also has more than two million people. This time we only deployed eight legions on the Western Front, a total of one Can 1.8 million people defeat the British and French allied forces in one fell swoop?" William II asked.

Although, the combat effectiveness of the German Army ranks first in the world. However, after experiencing the tempering of the battlefield, the gap between the British Army, the French Army and the German Army is actually not that big. With the German Army at a serious disadvantage in terms of strength, William II was really worried.

"Your Majesty, although the Anglo-French coalition forces have an advantage in terms of military strength, wars cannot be won with a large number of people. Our 8th Army was the best when it wiped out two million Russian troops on the Eastern Front last year. Example." War Minister and Chief of the General Staff von Falkenhain said with a smile.

The other generals also laughed. Indeed, the victory of the 8th Army of the German Army on the Eastern Front last year shocked everyone. With less than 200,000 troops, the Russian army of 2 million troops was defeated. Such a victory is absolutely impossible for any one person. Even if the combat effectiveness of the Russian army is very bad, even if it is bad, it will not be like this.

Of course, the generals were full of envy and admiration for Qin Tian, who commanded the 8th Army. This also made Qin Tian, in addition to the halo of the imperial prince, have another halo of proficiency in military affairs.

It can be said that now Qin Tian's position in the empire has been completely stabilized. Except for William II, no one is higher than him. As for Qin Tian's succession to the throne, it was even more secure. Even if Crown Prince William came to his senses, he would definitely not be able to compete with Qin Tian for the succession to the throne. After all, the Imperial Navy has been completely controlled by Qin Tian. The 8th Army of the Imperial Army, as well as the newly formed 9th and 10th Army, are all controlled by Qin Tian's people. Qin Tian can also influence quite a few of the other 7 legions.

Qin Tian, who has mastered the military power, even William II, may not be able to forcibly depose him. Even William II has fully realized Qin Tian's ability. If he were to choose who would inherit the empire again, he would probably choose Qin Tian instead of Crown Prince William without hesitation.