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Chapter 511: Dasheng

"Boom!"

The engine roar of more than 400 tanks gathered together, as if it was thunder. Countless British soldiers watched in horror as the dark tanks rushed towards them. Some timid people even **** their pants in fright.

"Oh my god! The Germans have so many tanks, how can we resist their attack?" A British soldier shouted in horror. If it wasn't for an officer right behind him, he would probably give up immediately. just run. Although this seems to be a cowardly act, at this time, saving one's own life is undoubtedly the most important thing!

"Anti-tank guns? Quickly set up the anti-tank guns." A British officer shouted loudly.

Because the British army was preparing to launch an attack just now, they did not build a defensive position at all, let alone erected defensive weapons such as anti-tank guns. Now, facing the attack of the German tanks, they suddenly panicked.

Some British soldiers went to move anti-tank guns, but more British soldiers kept retreating.

Obviously, it is too late to deploy anti-tank artillery positions at this time. Especially with so many tanks dispatched by the German army, how many anti-tank guns are needed to fight against them! I am afraid that their anti-tank guns were overwhelmed by the torrent of German tanks before they could fire a few shots. There is no way to fight this battle.

"Boom!"

An anti-tank gun on the British position opened fire, but unfortunately, due to tension, the fired shell failed to hit the German tank.

"Quick, reload."

"Boom!" A German tank opened fire, and a shell exploded next to the anti-tank gun. Although it failed to destroy the anti-tank gun, it killed all the gunners operating the anti-tank gun.

The tragic death of those gunners made the scalps of other British soldiers numb. They didn't care about fighting back any more, and ran away directly.

The 22nd Infantry Division, 23rd Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division of the British Army can be described as collapsing at the touch of a button. They were about to launch an attack, but under the attack of the German tank troops, they suffered heavy losses and were directly defeated.

A large number of defeated soldiers fled to the rear. The German armored forces, with the cooperation of the two infantry divisions, advanced all the way east.

"General, the German tanks are so powerful that we can't resist them at all. Please retreat immediately!" A major general suggested to Admiral Benson.

"Bastard, retreat? How can we retreat? We are here to reinforce General Haig. If we retreat, what will General Haig do? At that time, the 1st Army will be eaten by the Germans." Admiral Benson said angrily growled.

"General, we don't care so much now, otherwise, even we ourselves will be eaten by the Germans. How can we rescue General Haig and the others then!" the major general said.

Admiral Benson was taken aback for a moment. This sentence undoubtedly made sense. If even they were wiped out by the Germans, then General Haig's 1st Army would naturally be doomed.

"Order the follow-up troops to prepare to resist the German attack. Set up all anti-tank guns and destroy the German tanks!" Admiral Benson ordered.

"In addition, the infantry divisions that ordered the French will also come up immediately. Don't dawdle. If we are eaten by the Germans, they will also have a dead end!" Admiral Benson gritted his teeth Said.

"Yes, General."

Admiral Benson's order was issued, and the British and French allied forces attempted to build a line of defense to resist the German attack. To this end, they even assembled a large number of anti-tank guns.

However, it is a pity that this hastily built line of defense was patronized by the German air force before it was attacked by the German armored forces. Hundreds of fighter jets, covering hundreds of bombers, launched an intensive bombing of the line of defense of the British and French allied forces. A large number of anti-tank guns were destroyed by German air strikes, and a large number of gunners were also killed.

As soon as the German air strikes ended, the armored forces launched an offensive. The anti-tank artillery units of the British and French allied forces suffered heavy losses, although they destroyed some German tanks. However, the number is not large, let alone stop the German attack.

This line of defense was easily torn apart by the German armored forces. This battle directly caused the fighting will of the British and French allied forces to collapse.

A large number of soldiers of the British and French allied forces fled in embarrassment.

General Benson saw that the general situation was over, so he had to issue an order to retreat, trying to break away from contact with the German army first, reorganize his armaments, and then launch a counterattack.

However, those retreating troops quickly brought Admiral Benson a bad news that couldn't be worse.

"General, we have fallen into the encirclement of the Germans. Our east and north are full of German troops. Now, they are advancing towards us, and we cannot escape." The general reported.

"What? Why are there so many Germans? Isn't their main force attacking Rouen? How did they appear here?" Admiral Benson's face suddenly changed drastically.

Obviously, he guessed that all this was a trap set by the German army. The German army launched an attack on Rouen just to lure them to the door. Now, they were really fooled and fell into the trap of the Germans. What waited for them was undoubtedly surrounded by the Germans.

"Organize troops to break through immediately. If you want to survive, you must break through. Otherwise, as the German oppression is getting closer, we will eventually be eaten by them!" Admiral Benson ordered.

However, it is too late for Admiral Benson to issue such an order now. In order to get rid of them, the German army dispatched a full twenty infantry divisions and two armored divisions, and also received strong support from the air force. Under such circumstances, if the British and French allied forces are still allowed to escape, then General Crook and Lieutenant General Ludendorff should commit suicide directly.

With the steady advance of the German army, several breakouts by the British and French allied forces ended in failure.

It was also under such circumstances that the British and French allied forces discovered that there was no German defense in the south.

So, a large number of soldiers of the British and French coalition forces withdrew to the south, trying to escape across the Seine River. However, the bridge over the Seine River had already been blown up by the German air force. Many ships along the coast were also bombed. If the British and French allied forces wanted to escape from the encirclement, they had to swim across the Seine River by themselves.

Countless soldiers of the British and French allied forces jumped into the Seine one after another. However, except for a very small number of people with good water skills, the rest of the people were drowned alive in it.

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"General, let's go, if we don't leave, it will be too late." Admiral Benson's guard captain said to him. Now, they have fled to the Seine. As long as you swim across the Seine, you can escape.

A large number of soldiers of the British and French coalition forces are jumping into the Seine at this moment and swimming to the south bank of the Seine. When the German army was oppressing from three directions, east, west, and north, fleeing south had become the only option. As for the breakout, after countless failed attempts, leaving only a pile of corpses, no one had the extravagant hope of breaking through the encirclement of the German army and escaped.

However, the Seine River is not a small river. It is the second largest river in France after the Loire River. This section of the river is even hundreds of meters wide. Now it is the flood season of the river, and the river is rushing. It is almost impossible for people with poor water skills to swim across the Seine

to escape. Not to mention, there are still many people who don't know water at all. It is absolutely impossible for them to swim across the Seine.

Even though many people hold templates, branches, etc., and want to use the buoyancy of these things to cross the river, there are still very few successful ones. On the contrary, it is not known how many people drowned in the Seine. Their bodies flowed all the way down the river, all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Admiral Benson, commander of the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force, looked at the wide Seine River and couldn't help but feel a burst of panic.

"I, I can't swim!" Admiral Benson said.

All members of the guards were stunned. Admiral Benson can't swim. In this case, it will undoubtedly be very difficult to send him safely to the south bank of the Seine River.

The captain of the guard gritted his teeth, and then said: "General, don't worry, we will safely send you to the south bank of the Seine."

After all, Admiral Benson is the commander of the group army, and they are Admiral Benson's guards. If they abandoned Admiral Benson and escaped by themselves, the consequences would undoubtedly be very serious. If they fail, they will be sent directly to a military court for trial. The British Army will never allow this to happen.

The guards found a door panel and let Admiral Benson lie on it. A few members of the guard with good water skills, holding on to the door panel, swam to the south bank of the Seine.

I have to admit that Admiral Benson's luck is relatively good. Under the **** of several guards, he escaped alive to the south bank of the Seine despite numerous adventures along the way.

But most of the Anglo-French coalition forces did not have such good luck. The coalition soldiers who successfully swam across the Seine and fled to the other side of the river were only a handful. Most of the coalition soldiers were directly drowned in the Seine. Those who arrived later saw the corpses of coalition soldiers floating on the Seine River, and their faces turned pale with fright.

After the German army chased them, they surrendered directly to the German army.

The encirclement and annihilation of the German 1st Army and 8th Army against the British Expeditionary Force 3rd Army and part of the French 1st Army was a complete success. The British and French allied forces had a total of more than 300,000 people. Except for a very few who escaped, the rest were either killed or drowned, and the rest surrendered to the German army. The number of prisoners of war captured alone exceeded 200,000.

In this battle, the 1st Army and the 8th Army directly solved half of the total troops deployed by the British and French coalition forces in the northwest of France. In addition, the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, which is lingering in Rouen, if they are also eaten, then the Anglo-French coalition forces will not have many troops left. The Germans will win this battle.

Rouen, British Expeditionary Force 1st Army Command, Admiral Haig is still waiting for reinforcements led by Admiral Benson. Although the German army only sent six infantry divisions into the city of Rouen to fight street battles with the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, but relying

on powerful firepower and advanced street fighting tactics, the British army retreated steadily and suffered heavy losses. . Even though the British army is still struggling to support it, it seems that it is only a matter of time before the German army wins the final victory.

"How long will it take for the reinforcements led by General Benson to arrive? Continue to contact them." Admiral Haig ordered.

"Yes, General." The adjutant immediately went down to convey the order.

However, a few minutes later, the adjutant returned with a pale face.

"General, General Benson called. They were besieged by the main force of the German army. The German army dispatched hundreds of tanks to attack them, and their defense line has been breached. Now, the whole army is retreating." The adjutant reported.

"What? How did this happen? Isn't the main force of the Germans attacking Rouen? How could they attack General Benson?" Admiral Haig obviously couldn't believe this.

However, Admiral Haig then thought that General Benson would never deceive him on this matter. Well, this also means that the attack on Rouen was not the main force of the German army at all. Thinking of this, Admiral Haig almost despaired. They reorganized a group army, and they couldn't even defeat several divisions of the German army. While suppressing them, the German army was able to send the main force to besiege the 300,000 reinforcements led by Admiral Benson, and defeated them. This undoubtedly shows that the combat effectiveness of the German army is stronger than they expected!

"General, what should we do now? General Benson and the others have fallen into the siege of the Germans, and they are probably in danger." A major general asked.

"General, if we stick to Rouen, it will be very dangerous. Once General Benson and the others are defeated, the main force of the Germans will attack Rouen. At that time, we will not be able to resist at all." Another lieutenant general suggested.

Obviously, everyone is very pessimistic about this battle. If the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force continues to persevere, then the final result is very likely to be completely wiped out by the German army here. Therefore, under such circumstances, everyone undoubtedly has other thoughts.

General Haig also hesitated.

At this time, a new telegram came. Admiral Benson sent a telegram to Admiral Haig, informing him that the Third Army of the Expeditionary Force had completely collapsed, and asked Admiral Haig to make his own plans.

This telegram made Admiral Haig make up his mind.

"Order the ministries to stay at night. After dark, we will evacuate Rouen immediately! Along the Seine, evacuate westward." Admiral Haig ordered.

He knew very well that the British and French allied forces would undoubtedly be defeated in this battle. If they withdrew to Paris, there would be no way of survival at all. Only by escaping from the main battlefield could they continue to survive.

After nightfall, the remnants of the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force, led by Admiral Haig, withdrew from Rouen.

Chapter 513: Bad news

Cray, British Expeditionary Force Command. At the current headquarters, the atmosphere has become very tense. The 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force was stormed by the Germans in Rouen and suffered heavy losses. The 3rd Army of the Expeditionary Army and the 1st Group Army of the French Army took a step forward and fell into the siege of the German army again, which was at stake. It can be said that the current situation is already quite unfavorable for the British Expeditionary Force. If you are not careful, the entire expeditionary force will be severely damaged.

"What to do? What to do now? The 1st Army can't hold out in Rouen. The 3rd Army and part of the French Army have fallen into the trap of the Germans again. If they are eliminated, then this battle How can we continue the fight?" Sir French, the commander of the British Expeditionary Force, was so anxious that he almost tore off his hair.

However, this is of no use to alleviate the current crisis.

"Your Excellency, we need to immediately mobilize troops to reinforce General Benson, otherwise, they will be wiped out by the Germans. Once they are wiped out, it will be difficult for us to reverse the situation." German, the commander of the 1st French Army Admiral Sperry suggested. After all, his 1st Army sent half of its troops to operate with the 3rd Army of the British Expeditionary Force, and they have now fallen into the encirclement of the Germans.

"Reinforce General Benson? Where do we have extra troops to reinforce them? Your 1st Army has 100,000 people left. Unless you draw troops from Paris. Moreover, if you draw troops from Paris, I'm afraid it will be too late." Too late," said Sir French.

Although, the British and French allied forces still have two armies in Paris. However, it will take time to mobilize troops from Paris to reinforce Admiral Benson. Whether Admiral Benson can persist until the arrival of reinforcements is undoubtedly difficult to say. What's more, the British and French allied forces are also fighting very badly on the eastern front. If the two armies stationed in Paris are transferred away, what will happen to the city defense of Paris?

"Your Excellency, then we can't do nothing and just watch 300,000 troops being surrounded and annihilated by the Germans?" Admiral Despere asked. Obviously, this time they are about to suffer a disastrous defeat. This is undoubtedly difficult for the British and French allied forces.

"General, I will send a telegram to Admiral Benson, asking him to lead his troops to insist. In addition, I will send a telegram to your government, asking them to agree to dispatch the 4th Army of the Expeditionary Force and the 10th Army of the French Army to reinforce our troops. ' said Sir French.

As Admiral Despere said, it was impossible for them to watch Admiral Benson and 300,000 British and French soldiers being eaten by the Germans like this. Even if they knew it well, it would be difficult to arrive in time even if they were to deploy troops now. However, they also have to try their best to fight for it. Once the 300,000 troops led by Admiral Benson are wiped out by the German army, it will be

a heavy blow to the British and French allied forces. It can even be concluded from this that the British and French allied forces have no chance of winning in this battle.

"Yes, Sir." Admiral Despere nodded.

However, before Sir French could send the telegram to Paris, another telegram from Admiral Benson came. He reported to Sir French that they were attacked fiercely by the German army, especially the German armored forces, who assembled hundreds of tanks to storm their defense line. Now, their line of defense has been breached, and the entire line of defense has collapsed.

This news made Sir French and Admiral Despere look ashamed. They all knew that in this case, sending troops to rescue Admiral Benson and the others was already a joke and had no meaning.

Even, if reinforcements are sent to reinforce, it is very likely that the Germans will seize the opportunity and wipe them out in one fell swoop. In that case, they will pay a higher price.

The fate of the 300,000 troops is almost certain. Except for a small number of people who were killed and a very small number of people who escaped back, the rest of the people would probably be captured by the Germans.

For those soldiers who surrendered, Sir French and Admiral Despere will definitely not have any surprises. After all, in this battle, the fighting will of the British and French allied forces was not very strong. It is very normal to surrender to the Germans under desperate circumstances. Sir French and Admiral Despere will not blame them, after all, those soldiers have tried their best.

"Your Excellency, what should we do now?" Admiral Despere panicked.

After all, he was the general of the French army. If this battle is lost, then France will lose. This will undoubtedly be a devastating blow to France.

"What else can we do? Find a way to defend Paris. The Germans will probably launch an attack on Paris soon. The only thing we can do now is to shrink our troops and prepare to fight the Germans in Paris." Sir French sighed Take a breath.

Based on his experience, of course it can be seen that the current Anglo-French coalition forces have reached the end of their strength. If you want to win this battle, you can only hope for a miracle. Of course, it is almost impossible for a miracle to occur.

Admiral Despere nodded, sticking to Paris, this is the only way. Of course, he didn't think they could hold Paris. When the British and French allied forces suffered heavy losses, what did they use to fight the strong Germans?

"Your Excellency, where is General Haig?" Admiral Despere asked. After all, Admiral Haig's First Expeditionary Army still had hundreds of thousands of people. Moreover, they can be regarded as the most powerful army of the expeditionary force.

Sir French shook his head: "Admiral Haig's situation is probably very bad. They have been suppressed by the Germans. Once the Germans eliminate General Benson, they will definitely attack Rouen." Attacking. General Haig and the others may not be able to resist at all."

Admiral Despere fell silent immediately.

Sure enough, an hour later, the British Expeditionary Force Command received a telegram from Admiral Haig requesting a retreat. Although Admiral Despere was somewhat dissatisfied with Admiral Haig leading the 1st Army of the Expeditionary Force to retreat westward, Sir French still approved Admiral Haig's plan. After all, Admiral French was the commander of the British Expeditionary Force, and he had to look out for the interests of the United Kingdom.

If Admiral Haig leads his troops to retreat westward, at least he can withdraw to the British mainland when the situation is unfavorable. These troops with actual combat experience will become the main force to protect the British mainland.

Chapter 514: Xiafei's helplessness

On the front line of the Marne, the fierce battle is still going on. The main forces of the German 2nd Army, 3rd Army, and 4th Army have crossed the Marne River and launched an attack on the deep positions of the British and French allied forces.

Although the resistance of the British and French allied forces was very tenacious. However, they were heavily shelled and bombed by warplanes from the German army, which caused heavy losses to the British and French allied forces. Under the attack of the German army, several lines of defense were lost one after another.

Now, the main forces of the British and French allied forces are concentrated in the cities of Chalons, Champagne, Epernay and Chateau Thierry to resist the German invasion. The rest of the troops retreated to the rear. Facing the fierce attack of the German army, the British and French allied forces were almost unable to hold on.

Champagne-Chalons, a large city on the Marne River, is in the midst of a fierce attack by the German army. The German 2nd Army, supported by a large number of artillery and air firepower, was about to destroy the city into ruins. The French 2nd Army has been disabled. Now, they can only rely on the ruins in the city to resist. However, as the German attack became more and more fierce, it was a matter of time before they were completely driven out of Champagne. The German 3rd Army and 4th Army's offensive at Epernay and Fort Thierry also went smoothly. The French 4th Army and the British Expeditionary Force 2nd Army also suffered heavy losses. Even the 8th and 9th armies of the French army, which entered the battlefield later, also suffered heavy losses.

By April 8, the two sides had been fighting fiercely on the Marne River defense line for a week. In this week, the losses of the British and French coalition forces have exceeded 500,000 people. If it wasn't for Marshal Xia Fei who took the command personally, the army might collapse.

Of course, although the German army has achieved great results, the losses they paid are also not small. As the main force, the 2nd Army, the 3rd Army and the 4th Army all suffered losses to varying degrees. The total number of troops lost is almost 100,000. However, compared with the losses of the British and French allied forces, the losses of the German army were much smaller. Therefore, the officers and soldiers of the German army still maintain a high morale. Unlike the Anglo-French coalition forces, which are about to collapse.

What's more, the German 5th Army, which is a reserve force, has not yet entered the battle. Once these 200,000 people also join the battle, it will undoubtedly completely change the situation of the

battle. The reason why Qin Tian didn't put the reserve team into the battle immediately was because he was waiting for a more suitable time.

The headquarters of the British and French coalition forces, Marshal Joffre was in the office, frowning. The losses of the British and French allied forces were so great that they could hardly hold on in the middle of the battle.

"Damn it, why are the Germans' attack power so powerful? If this continues, we won't be able to hold on for long." Looking at the tens of thousands of casualties every day, Marshal Joffre seemed to be dripping in his heart. Like blood. These are the young lads of France, the future of France. However, they lost their lives in this **** war.

Originally, before the battle began, Marshal Joffre was optimistic that they could resist the German attack on the Marne River defense line. If you are lucky, you can even hit the German army hard in one fell swoop, thus launching a counterattack.

However, after the battle started, the German army used powerful firepower to slap the British and French allied forces severely, making them dizzy. Coupled with the powerful attack of the German army, the British and French allied forces were even more exhausted. It can be said that even if they are struggling to support now, they can't last long.

"Your Excellency, the Marshal, the Second Army has lost a lot. If they don't give them reinforcements, I'm afraid they won't be able to hold on. Once Champagne and Chalons are breached by the Germans, the entire Marne River defense line will collapse immediately." French Ninth Army Commander General Foch said with a serious face.

Marshal Joffre nodded: "I know, but do we still have extra troops? The 2nd Army, the 4th Army and the 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force are being attacked by the Germans. The 6th Army, the 1st Army, the 8th Army and the 9th Army suffered heavy losses in the counterattack against the Germans. Now it is even more important to defend important nodes on the defense line to prevent the Germans from continuing to tear our defense line. So far, we have lost more than five troops. One hundred thousand. It can be said that compared with the Germans, we no longer have any advantage in military strength. Moreover, we have been far surpassed by the Germans in terms of weaponry and morale. This will make us in the In this battle, we are in an even more unfavorable position."

General Foch nodded, indeed, these are the problems they face. But, you can't just do nothing because of this, right? In that case, it will only make them fail faster.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, we may be able to draw troops from other places. Isn't there an army of the British Expeditionary Force and an army of the French Army in Paris? If we bring them here, then we can once again stabilize the front. Even, there will be enough troops to counterattack." Admiral Foch said.

Marshal Joffre shook his head: "The troops in Paris cannot be mobilized. Otherwise, the defense of Paris will be empty."

"Marshal, we are in the northwest of Paris, don't we still have three army groups? With them here, Paris should be very safe." Admiral Foch said.

"This is a telegram from Sir French. The German 1st Army and 8th Army have also launched an attack. The 1st Army of the Expeditionary Force was oppressed in Rouen by the Germans. Sir French has sent

the 1st Army of the Expeditionary Force The 3rd Army and part of the French 1st Army rushed to reinforce. However, I estimate that the situation is still not optimistic. Once Sir French and the others fail, this will make Paris directly threatened by the Germans. Therefore, we are here At that time, the army could not be transferred from Paris, and it must be taken just in case." Marshal Joffre said.

Although, before the war, the British and French coalition forces already had more than three million troops. But Marshal Xiafei still feels that there are too few troops, not enough at all! Although their strength is much higher than that of the German army. But unfortunately, with the same strength, they could not fight against the German army at all, and could only gather more troops to fight against the German army. When the troops suffered heavy losses, they could not be replenished in time, which made their troops less and less, and less and less enough.

Marshal Xia Fei is powerless to deal with the current complicated situation even if he tried his best.

Chapter 515: Total attack

On the evening of April 9th, Reims, the German Western Front Command.

As the battle on the front line gradually stabilized, the German army was breaking through the defense line of the British and French allied forces in an orderly manner. There was no need for Qin Tian to stay on the front line. It was best to return to the headquarters to get an overview of the overall situation.

That night, the commanders of several legions rushed to the headquarters.

"Everyone, is the progress on the front line going smoothly?" Qin Tian looked at several army commanders.

"Your Highness, it will take up to three days for the 2nd Army to take Champagne and Chalon!" said General Billo, the commander of the 2nd Army.

Qin Tian nodded and looked at Admiral Howson and the Duke of Württemberg.

The two also immediately stated that the progress of the 3rd Army and the 4th Army was also very smooth, and it was only a matter of time before they defeated their face-to-face enemy and captured their intended target.

Qin Tian is still very satisfied with the progress of the current battle situation. Although, the troops suffered a lot of casualties. But where is the undead in war? What's more, this time the opponent is still a world-class power. It is already very rare to be able to obtain the current battle damage.

"Your Highness, when will our 5th Army go to the battlefield?" General Dimlin, the commander of the 5th Army, couldn't sit still. Seeing the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th legions fighting against the British and French allied forces on the front line, they can only watch the show behind. This is undoubtedly a torment for Admiral Dimlin who wants to make contributions.

"General Dimlin, the 5th Army is about to enter the battlefield." Qin Tian said with a smile.

Not only General Dimlin was very excited, but General Bilo and others were also very excited. After all, according to the plan, if it were not for the crisis on the front line, there would be only one reason for the 5th Army to participate in the battle, and that was that they were preparing to launch a general offensive and defeat the British and French allied forces in one fell swoop.

However, judging from the current situation, it is indeed time to launch a general offensive. In the past week, the British and French coalition forces have been severely damaged, losing at least hundreds of thousands. Although the German army lost a lot, the main force did not suffer much loss. In particular, the armored units have not participated in large-scale battles. At most, they sent some tanks to assist in the battle when attacking the positions of the British and French allied forces. These tanks are all kept so that they can break through the defense lines of the British and French allied forces in one fell swoop during the general offensive.

"Your Highness, is it time for our general attack?" Admiral Billo asked.

"Yes. Now the troops of the British and French coalition forces on the Marne River defense line have been severely damaged by us. In addition, the left wing cluster has made breakthrough progress. The 1st Army and the 8th Army surrounded and wiped out 30 soldiers on the Seine River. Ten thousand British and French allied forces. At the same time, at least one hundred thousand British and French allied forces were wiped out in Rouen. Rouen has been controlled by the left-wing group. Now, the 1st Army is crossing the river. For this reason, we have revised the battle plan, and the 1st Army has crossed the river. The Seine River, south of the Seine River, the 8th Army on the north side of the Seine River, and the two armies advanced along the Seine River towards Paris. Under such circumstances, it is naturally impossible for the British and French allied forces to mobilize troops to the Marne River defense line. Therefore, again There is no point in dragging it down. It would be better to completely defeat the troops deployed by the British and French allied forces on the Marne River, and cooperate with the left-wing group to besiege Paris!" Qin Tian said.

Qin Tian's words made these commanders excited. Paris is the capital of France! They are all optimistic that as long as Paris can be won, the battle will be over. The French, who even lost their capital, naturally have no possibility of continuing to fight. In this case, Germany is undoubtedly one step closer to winning the final victory of this war.

"The 1st Army and the 8th Army have done a good job. Their strength is so much smaller than ours, but they have already eliminated 400,000 British and French allied forces, which is no less than ours!" Admiral Howson sighed.

"Yes! Then we have to hurry up. Otherwise, the left-wing cluster has advanced to Paris, but we are still on the Marne River." The Duke of Württemberg also said.

After learning about the progress of the left-wing cluster, everyone felt a sense of urgency. It is an honor for everyone to be able to come to Paris.

"Since this is the case, then prepare to launch a total attack. Tomorrow, the 5th Army will rush to the front line. At the same time, all armored units are also ready to attack. The day after tomorrow, that is, April 11, a general attack will be launched across the board, tearing apart the British and French forces in one fell swoop. At the last line of defense on the Marne River, completely defeat them!" Qin Tian ordered.

"Yes, Your Highness!" Several legion commanders replied.

"In addition, send a telegram to the 6th Army and the 7th Army, and their attack on Verdun also needs to be accelerated." Qin Tian said.

The German 6th Army and 7th Army, with a total of 400,000 people, attacked Verdun, which was garrisoned by the French 3rd Army and 5th Army. However, despite the strong firepower of the German army, it caused great losses to the French army. However, relying on the solid defenses of Verdun, the French army withstood the German attack.

However, with the outcome of the Battle of the Marne River, the Battle of Verdun will definitely have an immediate result. Once the German army defeated the main force of the British and French coalition forces in Verdun, if the two French armies defended Verdun, then their retreat would be cut off and they would fall into the encirclement battle of the German army.

Therefore, the next general offensive of the German army on the south bank of the Verdun River is undoubtedly very important. It is related to the victory or defeat of the German army in this war.

If the German army defeated the British and French allied forces deployed on the south bank of the Marne River in one fell swoop, they would be able to march directly to Paris, and together with the two legions of the left-wing cluster, they would besiege Paris.

It is almost impossible for the British and French allied forces who suffered heavy losses to hold Paris. Once Paris is taken by the German army, even France will persist. However, with heavy losses, how long can they hold on? You can guess without thinking, this battle will probably end soon.

On April 10, all members of the German 5th Army began to cross the Marne River. With the help of the pontoon bridges built by engineers on the Marne River, all the personnel, equipment and supplies of the 5th Army crossed the Marne River and reached the south bank of the Marne River within a day.

According to the order issued by Qin Tian, the German 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th legions are also ready to launch a general offensive. The troops attacking the three cities stationed by the British and French allied forces continued to maintain their offensive, while the rest of the troops assembled and prepared to directly attack the remaining positions of the British and French allied forces.

On the morning of April 11, thousands of cannons of the German army once again began to bombard the last two lines of defense of the British and French allied forces.

Chapter 516: Fiasco

The headquarters of the British and French coalition forces located in the south of the Marne River is in a gloomy state. The news that the British Expeditionary Forces 1st Army, 3rd Army and French 1st Army suffered heavy losses under the attack of the German 1st Army and 8th Army has been informed to them. After Marshal Xiafei received such a telegram, he remained silent for a long time. Obviously, even he himself did not expect that the British and French allied forces would lose so badly.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, now that we are in Paris, only the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force and the 10th Army of the French Army are left. The two armies have a total of only 400,000 people. Even if you add the 100,000 people of the 1st Army, the strength is only comparable to that of the Germans. Moreover, the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force and our 10th Army are both newly

formed troops, and their combat effectiveness is worrying. If you want to use these troops to resist the German attack, That is almost impossible." Admiral Foch looked worried, even desperate.

The breakthrough of the German 1st Army and 8th Army on the left wing undoubtedly dealt a fatal blow to the British and French allied forces. Now even their capital was under the threat of the Germans. It is estimated that in a few days, the Germans will come to Paris. At that time, how will this battle continue?

"It's almost impossible to hold Paris with those troops alone. We don't even have the strength to hold Paris now. Don't forget, we are also suppressed by the Germans here. When were the Germans Defeat is still very hard to say." Marshal Xia Fei said.

Admiral Foch was taken aback for a moment, and his face turned even paler.

Indeed, Paris may not be able to hold on no matter what. After the crushing defeat on the left, the Germans would advance directly to Paris. And here, they also couldn't resist the German attack. Once the British and French allied forces also suffered a disastrous defeat on the Marne River defense line, they would have no extra troops to defend Paris. Facing the German attack, they will surely fail.

However, such a result is undoubtedly somewhat unacceptable to a French army soldier. After all, they were fighting for France, fighting the Germans. But is this war doomed to fail?

"Marshal Marshal, if we lose Paris, will we surrender to the Germans?" Admiral Foch asked.

Marshal Joffre thought for a while, and then said: "This is not something I can decide. It has to be decided by the president and the government. But, as a soldier, I will fight the Germans to the end!"

Admiral Foch nodded, he was also unwilling to surrender to the Germans. Of course, if the president and the government decide to surrender, there is no other way.

"Your Excellency Marshal, the Germans once again launched a large-scale shelling of our defense line. They used at least thousands of cannons." Marshal Joffre, a staff officer with a panicked face, reported.

Marshal Joffre and Admiral Foch felt tense. Obviously, they all expected the intention of the German army. With the German 1st Army and 8th Army already victorious, the German army on the Marne River defense line couldn't sit still.

"Order the frontline departments, hold the defense line, and prepare to fight the Germans to the end!" Marshal Xiafei ordered.

If their defenses are torn by the Germans and they are defeated, the Germans will be able to encircle Paris. It will be absolutely impossible for the Anglo-French coalition forces stationed in Paris to stop the German attack. All Marshal Joffre can do is to stick to the defense of the Marne River and continue to persevere. As for whether there will be a turning point, it is hard to say.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

On the front line of the Marne River, thousands of German cannons are firing fiercely. Carts transporting shells are running back and forth, transporting shells from the ammunition depot to the artillery positions. The gunners, shirtless, loaded shells into the barrels and fired them.

The positions of the British and French coalition forces were once again hit by heavy artillery fire from the German army. Although, in the previous battles, the German army almost plowed through the positions of the British and French allied forces with shells. Most of the fortifications were destroyed under the heavy shelling of the German army. The rest are fortifications that have survived the shelling of blind spots. In addition, there are some positions rebuilt by the British and French allied forces taking advantage of the gaps in the shelling of the German army.

But now, under the heavy shelling of the German army, all these fortifications have been destroyed again.

As for the artillery of the British and French allied forces, they remained silent. They simply don't have much left. The artillery suppression of the German army had been bombed before, and the artillery of the British and French allied forces had already paid extremely heavy losses. The existing cannons were all regarded as treasures by the British and French allied forces, and they did not dare to use them lightly. Rather than letting those cannons be destroyed in the fierce artillery battle with the German army, it is more cost-effective to use it to attack the German infantry when the German infantry launches an attack.

The German firepower preparations this time did not last long. An hour later, the artillery shells began to extend to the deep positions of the British and French allied forces. The British and French allied forces knew that this was a precursor to the German attack.

The reason why the German army did not carry out long-term artillery preparations was, on the one hand, to save shells. After the Battle of the Marne, it may be the turn to attack Paris next time. If the French refused to surrender, the two sides would have to fight a fierce battle there. At that time, Paris, the romantic capital, might also be razed to the ground by German artillery shells. For this reason, the German army naturally had to store as many shells as possible. On the other hand, it was because the defense line of the British and French coalition forces had been almost destroyed long ago, so there was no need to waste shells.

"Attack!"

As soon as the artillery fire started to extend, the commander on the front line gave the order to attack.

This time, instead of directly dispatching infantry, four armored divisions launched an attack in four sectors.

A large number of black-painted tanks poured out of the German positions like a black tide, and rushed towards the positions of the British and French allied forces. These dark tanks formed a torrent of steel that no one could stop.

"God! German tanks, a lot of tanks." A French soldier said in horror.

"Damn it, how did the Germans have so many tanks? How could we stand against it?"

"Where are the anti-tank guns and anti-tank guns? Prepare to fight!" There are still some brave people who are not intimidated by the huge size of the German tanks and are still ready to continue fighting. However, in the previous battles, the anti-tank guns and gunners of the British and French

allied forces suffered heavy losses. The remaining anti-tank guns and gunners want to stop so many tanks of the German army, it is undoubtedly a dream.

Chapter 517: withdrawal

"Crunch, crunch!"

The tank's tracks were crushed on the ground, making a compressed sound. The soldiers of the Anglo-French coalition forces on the defense line were even more numb. Some timid people even wet their pants in fright. If the officers hadn't been suppressing them, they might have turned around and fled. When facing these steel monsters, people will feel fear.

"Tank guns, aim me a little bit. German tanks are not indestructible. As long as our tank guns can hit them, we can destroy them!" A French officer encouraged the gunners.

Several gunners, although very frightened, still carried out the order and manipulated a 37mm anti-tank gun, preparing to attack a German tank.

"Fire!" With the officer's order, the tank gun fired.

"Boom!"

The solid armor-piercing projectile roared and flew out of the barrel. In the blink of an eye, the shell hit a German tank. The front armor of the tank, like tofu, was easily cut by armor-piercing bullets. Fragments shot out in all directions, killing the tank soldiers inside in an instant. At the same time, the shell also hit the ammunition depot behind the tank, causing a martyrdom explosion. The entire tank ignited into a fireball.

"Good job, we killed the German tank. Keep up the good work and kill another German tank." The officer applauded loudly.

It's just that they never had a chance to destroy another German tank. Sensing the threat, the German tanks immediately launched an attack. A shell hit the battery. The tank gun was overturned, and several gunners were killed.

Although, in the face of the attack of the powerful German armored forces, a very small number of officers and soldiers of the British and French allied forces chose to resist. Their resistance also caused certain casualties to the German armored forces. Overall, however, these casualties were very limited.

The resistance of the Anglo-French coalition forces, like a praying man's arms, will be easily crushed by the German armored forces.

Especially when the German air force appeared on the battlefield, bombing and strafing the German anti-tank firepower points made the anti-tank forces of the British and French coalition forces that had suffered heavy losses even worse. Under such circumstances, the consequences can naturally be imagined.

The track of the tank easily crushed the barbed wire and directly crushed it to the position of the British and French coalition forces.

"Da da da!"

The machine guns on the tanks began to fire, and the dense bullets were massacring the positions of the British and French allied forces, smashing the soldiers of the British and French allied forces who had no time to escape.

"Go to hell! Damn the Germans!" A French soldier, holding an explosive package, rushed towards the German tank. However, before he got close to the tank, he was knocked to the ground by the machine gun fire on the tank.

More and more tanks entered the positions of the British and French coalition forces and began to slaughter these poor soldiers. Countless German infantry fighting behind the tanks also took the opportunity to break into the positions of the British and French allied forces. With the assistance of tanks, they wiped out the soldiers of the British and French coalition forces on the position.

The British and French allied forces, which suffered heavy losses, began a large-scale retreat. However, on the south bank of the Marne River defense line, there were only two lines of defense left by the British and French allied forces. After the first line of defense is breached, the German army will immediately attack the second line of defense. It is almost impossible for the British and French allied forces to resist. Under such circumstances, where can they retreat?

"God! Run away, we can't resist the German attack."

"Cowards, you cowards, come back to me." A British officer shouted loudly.

However, then a tank rushed in front of him. The tank ran over him directly, and the severe pain made him let out that heart-piercing scream. When the tank passed by, there was only a pool of muddy meat left on the ground. Long bloodstains appeared on the ground along with the tank's tracks. It can be seen that there is still a lot of meat in the gaps in the track of the tank. A German soldier happened to see this scene. Then, he bent over and vomited loudly.

Facing the attack of the German armored forces, the first line of defense of the British and French allied forces was broken through without even holding out for an hour. The remaining troops fled to the second line of defense in a panic.

However, the officers and soldiers of the British and French allied forces obviously have no confidence in whether they can hold the second line of defense. The German army used tanks on a large scale during the offensive. The powerful attack power of this armored weapon was really irresistible to them.

"Your Excellency Marshal, the first line of defense has been breached. The Germans are about to attack the second line of defense. It is estimated that before noon, our second line of defense will also be breached. The Germans will completely break through the entire Marne River Defense Line." Admiral Foch smiled wryly.

Although, they had expected such a result a long time ago. However, they could not have imagined that the German army's attack would be so swift and violent that they could not stop it at all.

"Once the second line of defense is also breached, our troops stationed in Champagne-Chalons, Epernay and Château Thierry may completely fall into the encirclement of the Germans. At that time, these troops will only have a dead end." Admiral Foch continued.

Although, the French 2nd Army, 4th Army and British Expeditionary Force 2nd Army stationed in these three cities have suffered heavy losses. However, there are still many troops that are still fighting. If the second line of defense is also breached, then these three cities will be completely surrounded by the German army. The consequences of the officers and soldiers of the British and French coalition forces trapped in these cities can be imagined.

"There is no other way. We have tried our best, but we still cannot resist the German attack." Marshal Xiafei sighed.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Marshal. We have done our best." Admiral Foch said.

This time, failure is inevitable. However, this is not because of their own reasons, but because the Germans are too strong. They are so strong that they are no match for the Germans even if they try their best.

"The army has already suffered too much loss, and it cannot continue to fight like this. Otherwise, it is not far from collapse." Marshal Xia Fei said. In his heart, it seemed that he had already made up his mind.

"Command the troops, retreat! The 2nd Army, the 4th Army, the 6th Army, the 8th Army, the 9th Army and the 2nd Army of the British Expeditionary Force, retreat to Paris. The 3rd Army and the 5th Army, from Vernes Climb and evacuate to the south." Marshal Joffre ordered.

Chapter 518: Crisis in France

The retreat of the British and French allied forces on the Marne River indicated that the British and French allied forces were completely at a disadvantage in the battle with the German army. Marshal Joffre ordered the remaining troops, except for the French 3rd Army and 5th Army, to gather in Paris and prepare to defend Paris.

Of course, at this point, it may still be up to the French government to decide whether or not to continue this battle.

Marshal Joffre received an order from French President Poincaré to return to Paris ahead of schedule. He handed over the task of retreat to Admiral Foch. When Marshal Joffre arrived at the presidential office of the Elysee Palace, he found that besides him, Sir French, the commander of the British Expeditionary Force, was also here.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, I am afraid that we will not be able to defeat the Germans this time!" Sir French seemed very concerned about the situation. The British Expeditionary Force suffered a big loss in this war. The 1st Army was severely damaged, the 2nd Army was also severely damaged, and the 3rd Army was completely wiped out. Now only the 4th Army and the newly formed 5th Army in western France are left. It can be said that the entire expeditionary force lost nearly half of its strength. The combat power is only about one-third left. Under such circumstances, the British Expeditionary Force undoubtedly lost the courage to continue fighting.

"No, sir. Although the current situation is very difficult for us, we cannot just give up. We still have troops, and we can continue to fight! I have ordered that the 11th and 12th armies are going north. In addition, I will also suggest to His Excellency the President to form more army groups in southern France." Marshal Joffre said.

Compared with the losses of the British Expeditionary Force, the losses of the French Army were greater. Almost all of the several armies on the Marne River defense line were disabled. Add the losses of the 1st Army, and the losses of the 3rd and 5th Armies at Verdun. So far, the French army has lost more than 800,000.

Such a heavy loss is undoubtedly traumatic for France. After all, the total population of this country is only over 30 million. Even if it is an extreme mobilization, it can mobilize a maximum of three million troops. You must know that France now has mobilized 12 group armies with 2.4 million people, which is not far from the figure of 3 million.

Marshal Joffre said this, naturally because he wanted Sir French to see his determination so that the British Expeditionary Force could assist them and continue fighting. After all, with France's own strength, it is obviously impossible to confront Germany. At this time, the assistance of the British Expeditionary Force became especially important.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, your courage is very admirable. However, we also need to ask the country for instructions on what to do with the expeditionary force." Sir French said. Of course, he is probably not optimistic about the resistance of the French personally. After all, France has lost too many troops in this war. Even if they mobilize further, how many troops can they mobilize? Sir French was very suspicious of this. In addition, he does not think that those newly formed troops are the opponents of the German army. The previous battles have undoubtedly proved how strong the German army is. Even the elite troops of the British and French allied forces were no match for the German army. Not to mention the hastily formed new troops. Those new troops were simply sent to die.

Thinking of this, Sir French was also worried about the fate of the British Empire. France's failure seems to be doomed. Then, after France fails, it may be Britain's turn. The British navy has failed. If the British do not surrender, the Germans will definitely land on the British mainland. At that time, the British Army will have to fight these fierce German troops. And can the British Army withstand the German attack? That is obviously unlikely. However, in order to defend their country, they had to fight the Germans desperately. This made Sir French very distressed.

"Your Excellency, no matter what, we will continue to fight. It will never be so easy for the Germans to defeat the French Republic. French soldiers will fight to the end." Marshal Joffre said firmly again.

Sir French nodded, but said nothing more.

Marshal Joffre and Sir French walked to the office of President Poincaré together. When they entered the office, they found that not only President Poincaré was there, but Prime Minister René Viviani, Foreign Minister Theo Feller Delcase, Secretary of War Alexander Millerand, Secretary of the Navy Victor Gagnour and Minister of Finance Alexander Ribert are already waiting here.

These people are undoubtedly the people in power of the French government. They were eager to see Marshal Joffre and Sir French, no doubt they hoped to have a deep understanding of the upcoming battle situation. So that in the future, they can make a correct judgment on the situation,

"Your Excellency Marshal, Sir, please sit down!" President Poincaré said. He seemed to be trying hard to squeeze a smile on his face, but he couldn't do it at all. It made the smile on his face very ugly, as if it was a fake smile.

Marshal Joffre and Sir French both knew President Poincaré's current mood and didn't care about it. After all, as the president of the French Republic, their army has suffered an unprecedented fiasco on the battlefield, and their country will even lose in this war, and then their country is likely to perish because of it. This is undoubtedly an unbearable pressure for anyone.

Marshal Joffre and Sir French nodded and sat down in their seats.

President Poincaré glanced at everyone in the office, and then said: "Gentlemen, the current French Republic has reached the most critical moment. Our army was defeated by the Germans on the front line and suffered heavy losses. Now, the German army is approaching Paris. What should we do next?"

These senior officials of the French government all have very ugly faces. They probably didn't expect that the situation would deteriorate to such a degree. At the beginning of the war, even when the German army stormed last year and was only tens of kilometers away from Paris, they were not as desperate as they are now. They have always believed that Germany can win the war. But now, no one thinks so anymore. They are very clear that this time the French Republic may really perish.

Chapter 519: Keep playing

"Your Excellency, although the current situation is very unfavorable to us, we can continue to fight. We still have more than one million troops, and our British allies also have hundreds of thousands of troops. If we continue to fight, a miracle may happen." Marshal Xiafei expressed her attitude without hesitation.

President Poincaré nodded and looked at the others.

"Marshal, if we continue to fight, are we sure of winning? The French Republic has already lost too many troops in this war." Prime Minister René Viviani asked.

Obviously, with heavy losses and little hope of victory in sight, the French government's position has been somewhat shaken. Since it is doomed to fail, why continue to fight? In that case, I'm afraid it will only make them pay a higher price and let more people die.

"No, Your Excellency, Prime Minister. Although our chances of winning are not great, we still have a chance of winning. If we surrender to the Germans, then the Germans will definitely slaughter us. At that time, we will lose a large piece of land." The territory of the country has to bear the heavy burden of war reparations. France will sink from now on, and there will be no chance to rise again." Marshal Joffre said.

The faces of the bigwigs present at the meeting were ugly, but they all had to admit that what Marshal Joffre said was correct. From the information they obtained, Russia paid a high price in order to withdraw from the war. If France surrenders, it will undoubtedly be sent to the door by itself and let the Germans slaughter it. At that time, the Germans will definitely not be polite. Maybe they will put forward harsher conditions than those for Russia.

"Hey, if the current rules of war follow the rules of more than 200 years ago, that would be great!" Secretary of War Alexander Millerand said.

Everyone was taken aback for a moment, but then smiled wryly. They all understood what Alexander Millerand meant. However, that is obviously impossible. In Europe more than two hundred

years ago, although many wars also broke out. But at that time, no country would perish or even lose its territory because of war. If you are defeated, you only need to bow your head to admit your mistake, apologize, and make some sense, then everything will be over. It's not like now, destroying the country at every turn!

Of course, mentioning this point undoubtedly shows how little confidence the French have in this war.

"His Excellency, Foreign Minister, if we surrender, what harsh conditions will the Germans probably ask?" President Poincaré asked.

"Your Excellency, with the style of the Germans in this war, they probably will kill us severely. First of all, in terms of territory, the territory in the northern part of the Republic may have to be lost, even including Paris. Secondly, the compensation On the one hand, the Germans have always opened their mouths. With the prosperity of the Republic, the Germans may ask for 20 billion marks or more in reparations." Foreign Minister Théophile Del Casse guessed. Of course, this is just his personal guess.

But even so, it has already made the faces of President Poincaré and others very ugly. Such conditions, if they agree, then France will really be no different from subjugation. Northern France is the most fertile place in France and has the strongest industrial base. If it is ceded to Germany, it will make France a second-tier country in Europe. Not to mention, Paris is the capital in the hearts of all French people, and it is also their spiritual symbol. Once Paris is also ceded to Germany, is France still France? In addition, the compensation of 20 billion marks is undoubtedly a huge burden. Although, France is very rich. Their overseas loans are as high as 50 billion francs, which is equivalent to DM, which is almost 40 billion DM. However, this money cannot be easily withdrawn. What's more, the 20 billion mark is just Théophile Delcase's own guess. Maybe the Germans' request will be higher than this. France absolutely cannot agree to such harsh conditions.

"Gentlemen, if the Germans really propose such a condition, even harsher than this, can we agree?" President Poincaré asked.

The senior French government officials attending the meeting shook their heads again and again. If they even agree to such a condition, then they will definitely become sinners through the ages, and become the targets of all the French.

"Your Excellency, we must never agree to the harsh conditions of the Germans, and we must never surrender to the Germans. If we continue to fight, we may have a chance to win." Marshal Joffre continued.

"Oh?" President Poincaré and others immediately focused their attention on Marshal Joffre. If it can win, or even draw, it will be a great thing for France. That way, at least they don't have to pay too much.

"Your Excellency, on the British side, don't you want our navy to cooperate with them? If the navies of the British, French and Italian kingdoms combine to defeat the German navy, then the Germans will not have much advantage. As long as we continue to France resisted the German attack. Gradually, the balance of victory will be tilted in our favor." Marshal Joffre said.

"Navy? Your Excellency the Secretary of the Navy, can our navy defeat the Germans?" asked President Poincaré.

"Your Excellency, the Navy of the Republic has set sail and is headed for England. According to the plan, it will cooperate with the British fleet. The fleet purchased by the United Kingdom from the United States is expected to return to the United Kingdom next month. At that time, we will unite to fight against Germany. As for whether it is hard to say that the Germans will be defeated. But judging from the strength of the two sides, the gap is not that big. If you are a little bit lucky, victory is entirely possible." Navy Minister Victor Gagnul said.

"Since this is the case, Your Excellency, I think we can continue to fight. No matter how bad it is, we can delay it a little longer. After the decisive battle between the Navy and the German Navy is over, we can decide what to do next according to the situation. If the Navy can win, then we can continue the war and persist until the day of victory. If the navy fails this time, then I think there is no need for us to persist." Prime Minister René Viviani said.

President Poincaré nodded: "If you have no other opinions, then let's do this. May God bless the Navy and let us defeat the Germans!"

Chapter 520: Escape from Paris

"Your Excellency, I hope to form the 13th Army, the 14th Army and the 15th Army." Marshal Xiafei said.

"Form three more armies?" President Poincaré frowned.

If three more group armies are formed, the French Army will form a total of 15 group armies, with a total strength of more than 3 million. Moreover, this almost wiped out all the young and middle-aged people in France. Sending the people there to die on the battlefield will be a heavy blow to French society and the entire French nation.

"Your Excellency, we need to prepare for the follow-up operations. If we want to continue to resist the German attack, we must have a stronger force. With the heavy losses of the frontline ministries, the newly formed three The army group will allow us to have more strength to fight against the Germans. Only in this way can we persist until the end. Otherwise, we may not be able to persist until the day when the navy wins." Marshal Joffre continued.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, the war has caused the government to pile up debts. If you want to form three more army groups, you will undoubtedly need a lot of money. And the government may not be able to spend that much money anymore." Minister of Finance Alexander Ribert said.

"No matter how difficult it is, the financial problem must be resolved. If we lose the war, the price we pay will be far more than the formation of three new army groups." Marshal Xiafei said.

Alexander Ribert said no more, but looked at President Poincaré, as if waiting for his decision. If President Poincaré decided to build more troops, he would naturally have no objection.

"Marshal Joffre, I agree with you to form three more group armies. However, this is the last three group armies. Next, we have no extra funds and no extra soldiers to form new troops." President Poincaré

reminded. He said this to remind Marshal Xiafei, so that Marshal Xiafei will not form more troops after this time. In that case, it would be endless.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Marshal Joffre nodded. Of course he knew that the country's mobilization was approaching its limit, and he was already satisfied with being able to form three more army groups.

"Your Excellency, the French Republic has decided to continue the war. Then, is the British Empire willing to continue fighting? I think the British Empire should continue to support the French Republic at this time." President Poincaré said.

"Your Excellency, I will report France's attitude to the country. Personally, I am naturally willing to continue to support France in fighting the war." Sir French said.

Like France, the British Empire did not want to surrender to Germany. Then, they must continue to fight the war. Not to mention, they are deliberately preparing to restore the strength of the Royal Navy before a decisive battle with the German Navy. It's just that it will take time for the Royal Navy to get ready again. In order to win, the British Army naturally needs to buy enough preparation time for the Navy.

Now, the French are willing to continue the war, which is naturally the best. What's more, the longer the French and the Germans fought, the harder they fought, which was of great benefit to the British Empire. At least it can make Germany pay more losses on the French battlefield, thereby weakening Germany's power.

President Poincaré nodded. The British are willing to continue fighting, which is naturally the best. In this case, they can have greater strength to fight against the Germans.

"So, gentlemen, what should we do next? The Germans' next attack target must be Paris." President Poincaré said.

There is no doubt that Paris has become a very dangerous place now. When the German army approached Paris, it would become a battlefield. For President Poincaré, he naturally does not want to be in the middle of the battlefield.

"Your Excellency, Paris is the capital of the French Republic. If a war breaks out here, Paris will be in ruins. This is undoubtedly a sad thing. Perhaps we should try our best to avoid Paris from being caught in the war." René Prime Minister Viviani said.

"Oh, is there any way?" asked President Poincaré.

"Perhaps, we can evacuate Paris. Then, declare Paris an undefended city." Prime Minister René Viviani suggested.

"What? Make Paris undefended? How can this be possible?" Marshal Joffre exclaimed.

"Your Excellency, Prime Minister, this is absolutely impossible. Isn't this handing over Paris to the Germans? I would rather go to war with the Germans in Paris, even if Paris is turned into ruins, it is absolutely impossible to hand over Paris to the Germans like this!" Marshal Xiafei's attitude was very firm.

Prime Minister René Viviani's complexion suddenly turned a little ugly.

"Your Excellency the Marshal, Your Excellency the Prime Minister has no other intentions. He just doesn't want the beautiful city of Paris to be destroyed in the flames of war." President Poincaré said.

"I know, Your Excellency. However, I still think that we need to fight the Germans in Paris. Paris is a big city. If we fight the Germans here, the Germans will have to pay a very heavy price. To be able to occupy Paris. Abandoning Paris would certainly be doing the Germans a favor. If Paris is destroyed in the war, we can easily rebuild Paris. But if France loses the war, then everything is over!" Joffre said the Marshal.

"Your Excellency, I suggest that government agencies evacuate Paris immediately, and civilians also evacuate Paris. I will let the troops withdrawn from the front line enter Paris. We will fight the Germans here to the death." Marshal Joffre said.

President Poincaré opened his mouth, but in the end he said nothing.

The next day, French President Poincaré, Prime Minister René Viviani, and all members of the government all evacuated Paris and fled to the south of France. At the same time, millions of residents in Paris also fled Paris in panic. These Parisians fled Paris with their families and mouths, with salutes, or by car, or in a carriage, or even on foot. They all knew that Paris would soon become a battlefield. These civilians don't want to be killed in battle. Therefore, fleeing Paris became the only option.

Contrary to these people, the French army is rushing to Paris from various places, preparing to fight the German army here.