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Chapter 521: Soldiers approaching the city

Paris, the largest city in Europe and even the world, is about to fall into the flames of war. Here, it was originally a romantic capital for people to go out. However, this place will soon be destroyed and become a ruin.

I don't know how many people there are, and I feel sorry for this. The whole of Paris, in just two days, became a ghost city. Of course, this refers to the civilians living here who have all left. However, the number of soldiers entering the city was quite large, reaching hundreds of thousands. They will use the city of Paris as a battlefield to fight the German invaders to the end.

French Army Command, Marshal Joffre continues to work here. Of course, he will not stay in Paris forever, and soon, he will leave here. The battle for Paris will be in the charge of the Paris Garrison Commander.

As the commander of the Paris garrison, it was Admiral Gallieni, commander of the French 10th Army. The 200,000 people in his 10th Army will become the main force to defend Paris. In addition, the troops deployed in Paris also included the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force and the remaining troops of the 1st Army of the French Army. The total strength of the British and French coalition forces deployed in Paris will reach 500,000.

As for the remaining British and French allied forces, they withdrew further south. They hope that Paris can become a meat grinder where the German army can shed blood. In this case, the troops of the British and French allied forces who evacuated to the south may launch a counterattack and defeat the German army in one fell swoop.

Of course, this is a battle plan formulated by the British and French coalition forces. As for whether this battle plan can be successfully realized, it is very difficult to say. After all, everyone made it clear that the German army was too strong. Whether it will be successful or not is unknown.

"Marshal, according to the plan, all the ministries have already entered Paris. Our total strength in Paris will reach 500,000. Now, the officers and soldiers are rushing to repair the fortifications. When the Germans attack Paris, they will find that, Paris has become a solid fortress. At that time, we will definitely let the Germans shed blood here." The commander of the French 10th Army and the commander of the Paris Garrison, Admiral Gallieni, said.

Marshal Joffre nodded. He believed that Admiral Gallieni and all the troops guarding Paris would do their best. However, it is very difficult to say whether they can achieve their expected strategic goals.

"General Gallieni, Paris will be handed over to you. I know that it is almost impossible to completely defend Paris and prevent Paris from falling into the hands of the Germans. The Germans are too powerful. Their strength, far surpassed ours. No one thought that the Germans would make such preparations and form such a powerful army for this war. If we were defeated by the Germans in this war, it would not be because of our own reasons, but because the Germans are too strong." Marshal Joffre said.

He said this, naturally because he didn't want General Gallieni to have too much burden. After all, defending Paris to the death is already a very difficult task. If it is not done well, it will really die here.

"Yes, Marshal." Admiral Gallieni nodded. He knew early on that this was hard work.

Subsequently, Marshal Joffre summoned General Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, and General Despere, commander of the 1st French Army. Marshal Joffre asked them to lead the troops to persist in Paris and persist for as long as possible. In this case, not only is buying time for the French Republic, but also buying time for the British Empire. In addition, Marshal Joffre also specifically asked Admiral Despere and Admiral Allenby to obey the command of Admiral Gallieni.

Because the three of them are all generals, if something happens to them, no one will listen to the other. This will undoubtedly make Paris' defense very bad. At that time, if you want to continue in Paris, it will be empty talk.

In front of Marshal Joffre, Admiral Despere and Admiral Allenby both expressed that they would obey the command of Admiral Gallieni. Especially Admiral Allenby. Although he is the general of the British Army, Marshal Joffre is not only the commander-in-chief of the French army, but also the commander-in-chief of the British and French coalition forces.

After explaining all this, Marshal Joffre left Paris.

At this moment, Paris has completely become a defense zone of the French army, and almost no civilians live here. On the contrary, those who were able to leave all left Paris. In order to be able to defeat the German army, the French did not hesitate to turn their capital into ruins in the midst of the war.

Paris is transforming into a fortress with the efforts of hundreds of thousands of French troops. Of course, all the French soldiers could do was dig defensive positions outside Paris. On the streets of the city, build barricades, arrange artillery positions and firepower points, etc., to prepare for the next battle. After all, Paris is a big city, and it will undoubtedly take a long, long time and consume a lot of materials to completely build this place into a fortress. The French army simply didn't have that much time, nor did they have that much material to waste.

The German army at this moment is approaching Paris. The German 1st Army and 8th Army are approaching Paris from the west. The German 2nd Army and 5th Army were approaching Paris from the east. As for the other four legions, there are other tasks.

Of course, the Duke of Württemberg, commander of the German 4th Army, was very dissatisfied with not participating in the attack on Paris. In his opinion, attacking Paris and taking down the capital of the old enemy France is undoubtedly a great achievement! However, Qin Tian didn't let him participate in it, which was clearly aimed at him deliberately!

However, in view of Qin Tian's influence in Germany and the German army, even if the Duke of Württemberg was dissatisfied, he did not dare to show it.

On April 16, the German army had already approached the city of Paris. The 1st Army, located southwest of Paris, had captured Versailles. The 8th Army was located at Saint-Denis in the northwest of

Paris, the 2nd Army captured Creteil in the southwest, and the 5th Army captured Chelle in the northwest. The four legions have surrounded Paris from four directions.

Of course, it is undoubtedly very difficult to encircle a big city like Paris with a force of more than 800,000. What's more, there are more than half a million French troops in the city.

This made the encirclement of the German army not tight, but even so, it would undoubtedly be very difficult for the French army to escape Paris. Unless it's a small-scale operation. The large forces of the French army have been firmly trapped in Paris. Of course, the French army will not flee. Their task is to face the German army here.

Chapter 522: Ridiculous

Qin Tian set up his headquarters in Versailles. Although, here is just a small town on the outskirts of Paris. However, it is famous here. In the Franco-Prussian War decades ago, after the Kingdom of Prussia defeated the Second French Empire, William I was crowned emperor here and established a unified German Empire.

Of course, that has become an eternal pain in the hearts of all French people. France and Germany have thus become old enemies.

However, in this war, Germany once again had the absolute upper hand. The German army occupied Versailles again. The whole of Paris has fallen into the siege of the German army. It can be said that Germany is not far from victory in this war.

"Your Highness!" General Crook, commander of the 1st Army Corps, beamed with joy. The left-wing group won a big victory on the battlefield of Rouen, so that William II sent a telegram to commend him. This made Admiral Crook very happy.

"General Crook, I set up the headquarters here, won't it affect you?" Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Your Highness, you are too polite. It is our honor that you can set up the headquarters in the defense zone of the First Army. Besides, Versailles is a famous city. The glory of the German Empire was established here. I believe that, Under the leadership of His Highness, the German Empire will usher in new glory here." General Crook has completely convinced Qin Tian. Qin Tian's performance has almost conquered everyone in the German Army. Everyone believed that Qin Tian would be the future leader of the German Empire.

Qin Tian nodded: "General Bilo, General Dimling, and General Ludendorff came to see me. Before launching an attack on Paris, we need to discuss how to attack."

"Yes, Your Highness." Major General Manstein immediately went to make arrangements.

On the afternoon of April 16, the commanders of the German 1st Army, 2nd Army, 5th Army and 8th Army all arrived at the headquarters in Versailles. Everyone's faces were beaming. None of them seemed to have imagined that this time the battle would go so smoothly. In just half a month, they had already approached the city of Paris. As long as Paris is taken, the possibility of the French continuing to resist is very small. Of course, even if the French continue to fight, the German army has enough strength to defeat them. This undoubtedly means that Germany is not far from winning the final victory of the war.

"Everyone, now, Paris is close at hand. As long as we win Paris, then this battle can almost come to an end. However, I hope that everyone will not be proud in the next attack on Paris. After all, although the French army has been severely damaged by us, there is still a long way to go before they are defeated. If we are defeated in the city of Paris due to complacency and negligence, it will completely ruin the empire's hegemony. I don't want that to happen." Qin Tian said.

The so-called half-ninety people who travel a hundred miles are now only one step away from Germany defeating France. He also knew that the continuous victories made many officers and soldiers a little proud and complacent. Qin Tian didn't want this to affect the next battle.

"Yes, Your Highness." Seeing Qin Tian's serious expression, several commanders immediately replied.

"For the attack on Paris, let's attack the center of Paris according to the current garrison of the legions! Although, according to the information we have obtained, there are still half a million British and French troops in Paris. However, I hope that we can take the Go to Paris. At the latest, this time cannot exceed two weeks." Qin Tian said.

Although, it seems a bit too unrealistic to take down Paris within two weeks and at the same time eliminate hundreds of thousands of officers and soldiers of the British and French coalition forces inside. However, the commanders of several army groups believed that this was not impossible. After all, the elite troops of the British and French allied forces were almost wiped out by them in the previous battles. Most of the rest are new troops that have just been formed and have poor training. Facing the elite troops of the German army, it is no wonder that they can withstand it.

"Your Highness, it is difficult to take Paris within a week. However, there should be no problem in taking Paris within two weeks." Admiral Crook said.

"Yes, Your Highness. The fighting will of the British and French allied forces has been completely shattered by us. I believe that the British and French allied forces in Paris are also not determined to fight us to the end." Admiral Dimlin also said.

"Your Highness, the French undoubtedly made a mistake when they deployed their troops to defend Paris. They should not have placed the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force in Paris. After all, Paris is the capital of the French, not the British. The French may come to fight us for Paris, but the British will not." Lieutenant General Ludendorff also said.

Qin Tian couldn't help laughing, he guessed that Marshal Xiafei probably didn't think so much at the time.

"Since this is the case, our chances of winning Paris will be even greater. I hope that we will be able to win soon." Qin Tian said.

"The empire will win!" Several generals were full of confidence.

At this moment, Major General Manstein came in.

"Your Highness, a domestic telegram." Major General Manstein handed the telegram to Qin Tian.

Qin Tian took the telegram and looked at it, and his face immediately turned a little ugly.

"Your Highness, has something happened?" Major General Ludendorff asked.

"Humph! This is a telegram from His Majesty the Emperor. His Majesty said that there are many so-called artists in China who claim that Paris is a capital of art. The buildings inside are all cultural relics. When we attack Paris, we must pay attention to protecting those buildings. If those buildings are destroyed, it will cause the loss of the artistic wealth of all mankind." Qin Tian said. However, his expression was full of teasing.

"Fart! Do you want us to not fire artillery when we attack Paris? Do we not bomb? In that case, wouldn't it be that our soldiers are sent to die? Those shameless guys, if they want to say that, they will go to Paris by themselves Shoot it down." Admiral Crook immediately became angry.

"Yes! Your Highness. Our advantage lies in our firepower. If we abandon this aspect, it will be impossible to win Paris within two weeks. Even our losses will definitely exceed expectations." General Luo also said.

Qin Tian nodded: "Your Majesty just forwarded the telegram to us, and did not force us to abide by it. I have always believed that the lives of soldiers are the most important thing to report. As for those works of art and cultural relics, let them To **** with it!"

Chapter 523: Ignore it

Qin Tian has always attached great importance to the lives of soldiers. On the one hand, Germany has a small number of soldiers, and the soldiers are all young and strong. If one dies, there will be one less one. It is naturally the best to be able to die less in the war. On the other hand, the reason why Qin Tian is deeply loved by everyone in the army has a lot to do with this aspect.

This is also reflected in the command operations of the German 8th Army. The officers will not let the soldiers work hard for problems that can be solved with shells. Although this has increased the logistical pressure on the troops a lot, it has effectively reduced the casualties of the troops. This kind of command ideology is now widely supported by the generals of the German army.

After all, in war, life is inherently fragile. It is undoubtedly a blessing for the majority of soldiers that the superiors can value the lives of soldiers.

So, Qin Tian turned a blind eye to the demands of those artists. Of course, works of art and cultural relics and antiques are very important. But in Qin Tian's eyes, the lives of his soldiers are the most important.

"Everyone, we don't care about those guys' requests. We should fight as we should! Artillery and air force will still participate in this battle against Paris. If necessary, armored forces can also participate in the attack. I only have one requirement, that is, one week at the best, two weeks at the latest, Paris must be taken." Qin Tian said solemnly.

"Yes, Your Highness." Everyone replied.

Qin Tian ignored the demands of the so-called artists and still approved the use of heavy weapons in Paris. This made the generals heave a sigh of relief and was also very moved. Although, if Paris is really turned into ruins, Qin Tian, as the commander, will inevitably bear a lot of pressure. However, Qin Tian was not afraid of this, and everything was considered for the sake of the soldiers. In the eyes of

these generals, this is undoubtedly commendable. After all, after this battle, Qin Tian might be disliked by those guys in the field of art.

On April 17, the German attack on Paris officially began.

The four legions of the German army, with a total of 53 infantry divisions, assembled more than 900 150mm heavy howitzers, 1,900 105mm light howitzers and 2,800 75mm field guns, and launched an attack on Paris.

According to the tactics of the German army, it is undoubtedly necessary to carry out long-term firepower preparations before the infantry attack is officially launched. In this way, it is possible to clear the obstacles for the follow-up infantry to attack and effectively reduce the casualties of the troops.

So, this attack on Paris is also the same. The four legions of the German army almost surrounded Paris. In terms of the range of cannons, the whole of Paris is covered within the range of these cannons. If the German army is willing, it will be no problem at all to blow Paris into ruins with artillery shells. Of course, in that case, the required shells would be an astronomical figure.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The cannons of each door began to roar, and the shells roared and smashed into the city of Paris. Cannonballs fell from the sky like raindrops, and violent explosions erupted one after another in the urban area of Paris.

Of course, when the bombardment just started, the main target of the German bombardment was the French positions on the outskirts of Paris. Only a small number of shells fell into the urban area of Paris. But even so, this behavior of the German army has made the whole world dumbfounded.

"Boom!"

A 150mm artillery shell hit the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. The violent explosion collapsed the Arc de Triomphe.

A 105mm artillery shell hit the Eiffel Tower. Although it didn't blow up the tower, it blew a big hole.

As the German bombardment becomes more and more violent, it is foreseeable that all the cultural relics and historic sites in Paris may be destroyed by the German bombardment. A world-renowned cultural city will be destroyed under the claws of the German army.

The firepower preparation of the German army not only included shelling, but the four German air forces also participated in the bombing of Paris. Four air teams, with thousands of combat aircraft, half of fighters and half of bombers. These combat aircraft, divided into several batches, bombed Paris.

"Drop the bomb!" Following the commander's order, dozens of bombers dropped bombs.

One bomb after another, like dumplings, fell into the urban area of Paris. The dense explosions destroyed the entire street. Unfortunately, the Notre Dame Cathedral in Hugo's novel is here. After the bombing ended, the entire street was in ruins. Notre Dame de Paris was also bombed.

Paris Garrison Command, located in the underground warehouse of a department store in the center of Paris. After the Garrison Command requisitioned this place, it was remodeled and turned into

a headquarters. Admiral Gallieni, the commander of the French 10th Army and Paris Garrison, worked here. Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, and General Despere, commander of the 1st French Army, also stayed here most of the time.

When the German artillery sounded, Admiral Allenby was talking nonsense.

"Now, there is a tide of discussion in the entire international community, which will definitely bring enormous pressure to the Germans. After all, Paris is a world-famous city. If it is destroyed in the fire of war, it will be a loss for all human beings all over the world. If the Germans could be pressured to attack Paris without the use of artillery and aircraft, the chances of us holding Paris would undoubtedly be much greater. At that time, we might even be able to take advantage of our preparedness. Those fortifications dealt a heavy blow to the Germans and caused the Germans to shed blood in Paris." Admiral Allenby said triumphantly.

The reason why the world's cultural and artistic fields care about Paris is entirely because of the instigation of the French and the British, and the Americans also contributed to the flames, which made this problem infinitely magnified. They are trying to form a pressure on Germany in the international community, so that Germany will be wary of attacking Paris.

It would be best if Germany gave up attacking Paris. In this case, the British and French allied forces can hide in Paris, posing a great threat to the German army, thereby restraining a large number of German troops. It is undoubtedly more difficult for the German army to defeat the British and French allied forces.

If Germany is under pressure to abandon the use of heavy artillery and other weapons in the battle to attack Paris, it will be in their arms. The British and French allied forces could use pre-built defensive positions and firepower points to make the German army pay a heavy price in the battle to attack Paris, and even reverse the situation.

Chapter 524: barbarian

"General Allenby, will the Germans really give up attacking Paris because of this?" Admiral Despere was somewhat disbelieving. After all, the so-called pressure from international public opinion is nothing short of illusory. Compared with the outcome of a war, this is undoubtedly too insignificant. It is absurd to think about relying on the so-called pressure of international public opinion to force the Germans to give up their strategic goals.

"General Despere, this is not impossible. You know, the Germans have always wanted to replace the Reich and become the leader of the world. If we can ruin their reputation, how can they To lead the world? In order to maintain their reputation, the Germans will definitely consider it carefully. Of course, if the Germans really don't want these false names, there is nothing they can do. However, in my opinion, the possibility of the Germans being fooled It is very sensitive. After all, the Germans' brains are like precision instruments, and it may be no problem to let them engage in scientific research. However, it would be a bit too embarrassing for them to think about these things." Ai Admiral Lunby said confidently.

After hearing this, Admiral Gallieni nodded again and again: "It would be great if the Germans can really use the mouse to attack Paris. In this way, we will be able to let the Germans bleed in Paris." .We will win this war. The Germans, will lose the chance to defeat the French Republic."

These generals of the British and French allied forces have begun to daydream.

It's just that they will soon know how wrong they are. As the Crown Prince of Germany, Qin Tian didn't care about the so-called international public opinion at all. He only cares about whether the German army can win this battle with the least cost, which is what he values. As for those other things, it doesn't matter at all.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

When the explosion sounded, the three people in the office froze for a moment. The expressions on their faces were completely frozen. In particular, Admiral Allenby, who was so confident before, claimed that the German army would definitely not attack Paris, and even if it did, it would not use heavy artillery. However, the sound of the explosion that suddenly came to his ears was like a slap, slapping him fiercely on the face, stunned him, as if he had become a statue all of a sudden.

"God! How is this possible? How could the Germans fire? Do they want to be scolded by the whole world?" Admiral Allenby murmured. Obviously some can't believe that the German army dared to fire. You know, this is Paris! A world-renowned cultural city, if the Germans dare to use heavy artillery here, are they not afraid of destroying it and being condemned by public opinion all over the world?

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The continuous sound of explosions came continuously. Obviously, this is undoubtedly the fact. Admiral Allenby's face turned livid. He knew that he had completely lost face this time.

Admiral Gallieni and Admiral Despere both looked very ugly. They all believed that if the German army stormed Paris, they would definitely be unable to resist it with their half a million people alone. Therefore, after Admiral Allenby proposed this plan, they will actively contact the headquarters and the government to help promote it. Allenby also contacted the British side to create momentum.

But what they didn't expect was that they had been busy for so long, but it turned out to be of no use at all. The Germans didn't take the so-called pressure into account at all, and still launched an offensive. The heavy artillery that should be used is still used.

"What should we do now?" Admiral Despere's eyes flashed with horror.

Obviously, Admiral Despere believes that the Germans have no scruples now and directly launched an attack on Paris. It is simply impossible for them to resist the German attack or even defeat the Germans on their own.

"Now we can only rely on ourselves. Order all the troops and prepare for battle." Admiral Gallieni said with a serious face.

Suddenly, more intensive explosions sounded, as if the entire earth was shaking.

"Damn it, this is a bombing by the Germans. They not only used heavy artillery, but also used planes. Do they really want to destroy Paris?" Admiral Gallieni's expression changed drastically.

"The savage, the crown prince of Germany, is simply a savage. Doesn't he know the importance of Paris? He actually used heavy artillery and planes to attack Paris. He is such a bastard!" Admiral Allenby cursed.

However, it is too late to say these now. The German army undoubtedly used their actual actions to show their attitude, that is, they would not care about anything else at all, and they would only do their best to take down Paris.

My own capital was bombarded and bombed wantonly by the Germans, which made Admiral Gallieni and Admiral Despere feel very uncomfortable. However, they also have no other way. Now that the German army has launched an offensive, they can only do their best to fight the Germans. Other than that, there is no other way.

The German army brazenly shelled and bombed Paris, which also shocked the French and British governments. They originally thought that by taking advantage of Paris's status in the field of culture and art, they would give the Germans a good hand. But unexpectedly, the Germans simply ignored this and launched an attack directly. Paris, a world-famous city, has been gradually turned into ruins under the shelling and bombing of the Germans.

"This behavior of the Germans is undoubtedly extremely barbaric. They are destroying a world-renowned cultural city. They are barbarians who destroy the treasures of human art! The whole world should spurn the Germans. Even if they won the war, But their unscrupulous behavior is unacceptable to the whole world. The French Republic will never compromise and bow to the Germans. We will continue to fight. One day, what the Germans did in Paris, we It will be doubled back to them."

French President Poincaré made a radio speech, condemning the German shelling and bombing of Paris. At the same time, he called on more French people to continue fighting.

Almost at the same time, the British government also issued a similar statement, condemning the German army's destruction of cultural relics.

As a neutral country, the United States also commented on this, believing that the behavior of the German army was inappropriate. Of course, they are neutral countries, and in order to avoid offending Germany, they cannot make too radical remarks.

Chapter 525: Emperor's support

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The so-called literati and artists are undoubtedly the most self-righteous group of people in the world. They think that art has no borders. War cannot destroy those historical sites and works of art.

Actually, no one cares about the opinions of the real power holders. What they think, first of all, is to ensure that they can win this war, which is undoubtedly the most important thing. As for the rest, it doesn't matter at all.

However, with the promotion of Britain and France, and the promotion of the United States, the whole world is paying attention to the **** of the German army in Paris. That's right, some artists have regarded the German army's attack on Paris as a barbarian, or even an act of wild beasts. All major newspapers around the world are accusing Qin Tian and the German army who attacked Paris. Countless artists jumped out and condemned Qin Tian's behavior of destroying civilization.

Even in Germany, there was a great shock. Hundreds of German artists jointly signed a letter to Kaiser Wilhelm II, requesting that the German army stop the attack on Paris. Some even demanded that

Qin Tian be severely punished, and it would be best to remove Qin Tian from the position of Crown Prince.

"Your Majesty, this is the third protest letter I have received. The artists are very dissatisfied with the behavior of His Royal Highness and the army in Paris. Shall we appease them?" At the imperial meeting, Prime Minister Bernha Te von Bülow said. In the past two days, he was completely overwhelmed by these protests.

"Pacify them? Why do you want to appease them? His Highness is leading our army to fight **** battles with the enemy on the front line. These guys, who are enjoying themselves in the back, are now jumping out to criticize His Highness and the army. It is simply too much. Have they forgotten their identities?" Falkenhain, the Minister of War and Chief of the General Staff, said dissatisfiedly.

Seeing that the Imperial Army is about to capture Paris and defeat France, it has made great achievements. Those guys jumped out, isn't this deliberately looking for trouble? What's more, artists from other countries are making noise, and they are also making noise. Have they forgotten that they are Germans?

"Yes, Your Majesty. For the current empire, it is undoubtedly the most important thing to find a way to win the current war. For the empire, Paris is an important city that has to be captured. After defeating Paris, the French I am afraid that the will to fight will be disintegrated. Even if they still want to continue fighting. However, their will to resist should not be too firm. What's more, if the French lose hundreds of thousands of troops in Paris, they will There is simply not much strength to continue the fight. Therefore, not only can we not stop the attack on Paris, but we must support His Royal Highness and their actions." Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Minister of the Navy, also said.

Obviously, the attitude of the Imperial Army soldiers is clear. In times of war, defeating the enemy country is the most important thing. As for other culture and arts, they all have to stand aside.

King William II nodded, of course he knew the importance clearly. In his opinion, the behavior of those artists is completely out of nothing. It was Paris that was ruined and had nothing to do with them. The French and the British were quarreling, and that was justifiable. But if they make a fuss, it's too inappropriate. This is because they don't regard themselves as Germans at all!

"Gentlemen, of course, Paris is a very beautiful city, a city of culture. However, for the empire to win this war, even if Paris is destroyed, it is not at all. Our troops in Paris What you did was completely justified and should be done. All of this is a conspiracy of the British and the French." William II expressed his attitude.

Obviously, William II hopes to win this war more than Paris, a famous cultural city. As for Paris, if it is ruined, it is ruined, and it is no big deal at all.

"Your Majesty is wise." Marshal Earl Tirpitz and Marshal von Falkenhain said immediately.

"Your Majesty, how are we going to deal with those artists? If we let them go on like this, I'm afraid it's not a solution! They publish articles in newspapers every day, criticizing His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and the imperial government. This will damage the reputation of the Crown Prince and the imperial government." , will undoubtedly have a very adverse impact." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

William II couldn't help but frowned. If Qin Tian's reputation is damaged, it will have a very negative impact on his succession to the German emperor in the future.

"We have to find a way to stop these guys!" William II said.

"Do you have any ideas?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, we may be able to divide and attack a group of people. I believe that among those artists, a large number of them are artists with real integrity. However, there are definitely some people who were bought by the French or the British. We can Attack them, and then expose them to the entire nation. In this way, those artists will naturally have no face to continue making trouble." Marshal von Falkenhain suggested.

King William II nodded: "This is a good idea. The Ministry of War will be responsible for this matter."

"Yes, Your Majesty." Marshal von Falkenhain nodded.

Marshal von Falkenhain knew that it was too easy to deal with those artists. Don't look at how violent they are, but in front of the state apparatus, especially in front of violent institutions like the army, they are simply vulnerable. He has too many ways to deal with them. Even if they are not bought by the French and the British, as long as they are planted. In front of the state apparatus, they have no chance to justify themselves.

"Your Majesty, what about international public opinion? In addition to the two hostile countries, Britain and France, other neutral countries such as the United States also have a lot of remarks that are not conducive to the empire." Foreign Minister von Kidren Wachter said.

"It goes without saying that Britain and France, all of this is their conspiracy. As for other countries, if they want to make trouble, let them go. This will not have any impact on the strength of the German Empire. Once The empire won this world war and became the hegemon of the world, if they still dare to do this, don't blame the empire for being rude." William II said domineeringly.

"Yes, Your Majesty." Von Kidren Wacht said.

Indeed, if Germany wins the final victory of the war and becomes the world hegemon, can other countries still target Germany in this way? Even if they themselves, I'm afraid they don't want to anger Germany because of this.

Chapter 526: Steady progress

While the literary and art circles all over the world are arguing about the German army attacking Paris and brazenly using heavy artillery and planes to destroy those places of interest, the army attacking Paris seems to have not been affected at all.

The four German armies that attacked Paris are still attacking in an orderly manner according to the predetermined plan. Dozens of infantry divisions were thrown into the attack in turn, and the British and French allied forces stationed in Paris were retreating steadily and suffered heavy losses.

In just one day, the defense lines of the British and French allied forces outside Paris fell. The German army invaded the urban area of Paris and began fierce street fighting with the British and French allied forces.

Of course, this is because of the dispatch of armored troops. Coupled with the fierce shelling and bombing of the German army, the defensive positions of the British and French allied forces were plowed several times. Under such circumstances, the British and French allied forces naturally could not resist the German attack.

After entering the urban area of Paris, the German armored forces stopped their actions. Knowing that the British and French allied forces have been equipped with a large number of anti-tank weapons, of course the German armored forces cannot enter the urban area of Paris to take risks. In that case, it will undoubtedly increase the number of German tank losses. Although, the number of German tank production has already increased. But every tank crew is precious. Even, those crew members are much more precious than the tank itself. Qin Tian didn't want his elite tank soldiers to lose too much.

"Boom! Boom!"

On a street, a company of the German army is storming a position of the French army. This is a street more than 200 meters long and 20 meters wide. On both sides of the street, there were originally tall buildings. However, under the heavy shelling of the German army, the tall buildings on both sides of the street have collapsed, and the entire street has basically become ruins. However, even so, the French soldiers still resisted the German attack in the ruins. In the eyes of these French soldiers, they probably have no way out now. Their capital has been destroyed by the Germans. The only thing they can do now is probably to continue fighting in the ruined capital until the Germans are defeated, or they are killed by the Germans. It is precisely because of this that the French army's will to resist is still tenacious.

A 60mm mortar was firing crazily, and the gunner almost used the mortar's maximum rate of fire. One after another, the shells smashed into the positions of the French army, blowing up dust and splashing earth and rocks.

"With such a fierce shelling, the French on the ground should all be dead." A second lieutenant platoon leader said.

"Second Lieutenant, take your troops and launch an attack." The captain and company commander ordered.

"Yes, sir." The second lieutenant platoon leader nodded.

Soon, dozens of German soldiers, bowing their waists, groped towards the French position.

However, not long after these German soldiers went out, two Hotkiss machine guns started firing on the French position, and at the same time, many rifles also joined the shooting.

The intensive firepower caused several attacking German soldiers to be killed on the spot. Seeing that the situation was not good, the other people quickly lay down on the ground, not daring to move forward. However, when the French army's machine guns fired, they couldn't even retreat, and they fell into a dilemma.

"Damn it! All the mortars and grenade launchers are added to the shelling. Use the shells to tear up all those Frenchmen!" The captain and company commander ordered.

Suddenly, three 60mm mortars, two 80mm mortars, and nine grenadiers all joined the attack. Shells and grenades fell on the French army's position like raindrops, and the sound of explosions came and went, and the whole area was shrouded in gunpowder smoke.

A few minutes later, the captain and company commander gave the order to attack. This time the attack did not meet resistance. When the German soldiers attacked the French position, they discovered that there was nothing on the position except dozens of corpses. Obviously, after being heavily bombarded by the German army, the French troops retreated immediately.

Fierce battles unfold in the city of Paris. Even the city, already under shelling and bombing by the German army, is about to be turned into ruins. However, the resistance of the British and French allied forces was still very fierce.

They fought fiercely with the German army in the city. Every street, every house, and even every ruin needed fierce fighting before they could decide where they belonged. Especially those French soldiers, they launched attacks without fear of death, as if they were not afraid of death at all. In comparison, although the resistance of those British soldiers was tenacious, they were not so desperate.

It's no wonder that this is the capital of the French after all, and for the French, it has an inseparable feeling. But for the British, they just regard this place as a battlefield.

The defense division of the British and French allied forces in the city of Paris is mainly the defense area of the French 10th Army defending the north of the Seine, and the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force is responsible for the defense area of the south of the Seine. The 100,000 troops of the French 1st Army served as a reserve team, filling in wherever there was a problem.

Although, the Anglo-French coalition forces in Paris have 500,000 troops. However, under the siege of the German army, their strength still seemed insufficient. Especially when the German army cleared the way with powerful firepower, it caused great losses to the British and French allied forces. So much so that they were beaten back by the German army, and the entire defense line was in a major collapse.

On the contrary, the German offensive is advancing steadily. Every attack was supported by powerful firepower.

In street fighting, the German army often acts alone in infantry companies or platoons. Every infantry company and infantry platoon has mortars and grenades, which makes them have extremely strong infantry support firepower in street battles. At the same time, the artillery positions deployed outside Paris also always obey their calls. Once necessary, the artillery positions outside the city can cover a large area with artillery fire to the designated area.

Under this tactical attack by the German army, the British and French allied forces naturally suffered heavy losses and were unable to resist. This is why the German army was able to achieve considerable results at a very small cost in street fighting.

"General Manstein, is the troop advancing smoothly?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, everything is going well. Although the resistance of the British and French coalition forces is very tenacious, the losses they can cause us are very slight. The entire battle is under our control." Major General Manstein said.

Qin Tian nodded, and then he was relieved.

Chapter 528: Live or die

7-9 minutes

"Sir, the British have built a strong defensive position in front. The firepower points are all located in our shooting blind spots, and it is difficult to destroy them!" A second lieutenant officer reported to a captain company commander.

The captain and company commander couldn't help frowning: "Is it feasible to send snipers to go around and attack them?"

"Sir, snipers have been tried, but the British are very cunning." The second lieutenant reported.

"Contact the battalion headquarters, we need reinforcements. Request artillery to bombard this area. I want to see if the British position can withstand the bombardment of heavy artillery." The captain ordered.

"Yes, sir."

Their requirements were conveyed to the division headquarters layer by layer. The division immediately issued an order to the artillery position. Coincidentally, a 150mm heavy howitzer position had just completed its support mission. After receiving the request from this infantry company, they were responsible for the shelling.

Six 150mm heavy howitzers immediately began to turn their muzzles and aimed at the intended target.

"Fire!" With the commander's order, six 150mm heavy howitzers started a violent shelling.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Accompanied by loud bangs, the shells whized away one after another.

In the urban area of Paris, this infantry company of the German army is still waiting. The soldiers were all lying in the bunker, so as not to be affected by their own shelling later. In that case, the gain outweighs the loss.

"Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!"

Soon, there was a roar in the sky.

"I'm coming!"

Veterans who have been baptized by war know very well that this is the sound produced by shells piercing the air at high speed.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Soon, artillery shells fell from the sky one after another, hitting the positions of the British army. The shells exploded, and chimneys rose from the British positions. The air wave swept in all directions, and a large amount of earth and rock rushed to the surroundings. There were even quite a few soldiers who were directly swept up by the air waves.

The soldiers of the German army seemed to be shocked by the huge power.

"My God! This is clearly the power of the 150mm heavy artillery! I didn't expect that the 150mm heavy artillery would be used to support us." The captain and company commander murmured. He originally thought that it would be good to be supported by a 105mm howitzer. If they are unlucky, they may only have 75mm field guns to support them. But now, it was completely beyond his expectation.

Of course, the support of large-caliber heavy artillery is undoubtedly of great benefit to them. Under the fierce shelling of these 150mm heavy artillery, the positions of the British army are gradually being turned into ruins. The British soldiers stationed in this position knew without thinking that they must have suffered heavy losses. This makes it almost impossible for the German army to cause any casualties when attacking here.

The German fire support lasted for ten minutes. During these ten minutes, more than two hundred 150mm artillery shells hit the position of the British army. When the gunpowder smoke cleared, the position of the British army had become a mess, with big craters everywhere. As for the British soldiers stationed in this position, they have disappeared. There were only stumps and broken arms left on the ground, and even pieces of minced meat. These all show how terrifying the shelling just now was.

When the soldiers of the German army walked to this position, after seeing this scene, all of them turned pale. Even after seeing the piles of minced meat, he vomited even more. It is estimated that they will not want to eat meat for a long time.

When the German army called for artillery support in large numbers, the British and French allied forces could not resist at all. The fortifications they built could not withstand the shelling of heavy artillery at all. And their own artillery has almost lost a long time ago. The artillery suppression of the German army, coupled with air strikes, made the artillery of the British and French allied forces the first to be disabled in this battle. The remaining artillery, also because of the heavy losses, can no longer play a big role. It can be said that this battle has completely evolved into a battle in which the British and French allied forces were passively beaten.

The position of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, located near the Catholic Church on the north bank of the Seine. It is also a headquarters located underground. After all, the command post on the ground is too dangerous. Once it is bombarded or bombed by German heavy artillery, it may be bombed down. Admiral Allenby cherishes his own life very much.

"General, more than half of the 33rd Infantry Division has been lost, and the division commander requests to retreat." A staff officer reported to Admiral Allenby.

"Retreat? Their defense zone is only a few kilometers away from my headquarters. If they retreat, wouldn't the Germans attack my headquarters directly? Tell them not to retreat!" Admiral Allenby ordered road.

"Yes, General."

A few minutes later, another staff officer reported that the British 37th Infantry Division requested support.

"Tell the 37th Infantry Division that I have no reinforcements in my hands. Therefore, there is no way to support him. Now, they can only rely on their own strength to persevere." Admiral Allenby said.

Admiral Allenby has already been very impatient by the news of a series of defeats. After the Battle of Paris started, the British and French allied forces have been suppressed. The Germans used heavy artillery and aircraft to inflict great losses on them. It can be said that every moment, their soldiers died in the shelling or bombing of the Germans.

What's more terrible is that as the German army's attacks become more and more violent, this means that the British and French allied forces in Paris obviously cannot last long. This is obviously unacceptable to Admiral Allenby.

He didn't want to be killed by a shell or a bomb from the Germans in a daze. As a general of the noble British Army, he wanted to live on.

"Damn, we can't go on like this. We can't beat the Germans at all. If we continue to fight, we will only let them die here. This is the capital of the French, and the French and the Germans are desperate, that's what they should be. But we don't have to fight the Germans for the capital of the French at all?" Admiral Allenby thought.

Even, he began to complain about Sir French, why did he order their army to defend Paris with the French? Isn't this clearly asking them to die? Thinking of this, Admiral Allenby became extremely impatient.

"No, I can't die, I have to continue to live. I have to go back to England, I can't die here." Admiral Allenby murmured. As he kept repeating this sentence, his eyes became more and more determined.

Chapter 529: Surrender

7-8 minutes

"In this battle, the British and French allied forces will undoubtedly lose. Even Britain and France have no chance of winning in this battle. But why can't those politicians see this at all? They If we want to continue the war, it is clear that we are going to die!" Admiral Allenby thought.

In his opinion, those politicians are really despicable and shameless. Anyway, it was these soldiers who died in the war, and their lives would not be threatened. Therefore, those politicians will always demand that the war continue.

"No, we can't be at the mercy of those politicians. No matter what, I have to live." Admiral Allenby thought.

Although, the British government declared to their generals that the Royal Navy is still making preparations to defeat the German Navy in future naval battles. But Admiral Allenby scoffed at this. He

didn't think the Royal Navy was capable of defeating the German Navy. After all, in the last naval battle, the Royal Navy had already suffered a crushing defeat. What was lost was not only those capital ships, but also a large number of elite officers and soldiers, as well as the confidence of the troops. Under such circumstances, even if the Royal Navy has obtained a large number of warships from the Americans, so what? The Royal Navy's chances of winning are still very low. As for the French Navy and the Italian Navy, Admiral Allenby ignored them. He believes that the navies of these two countries are much weaker than the Royal Navy, and naturally they are even less qualified to confront the German navy.

Thinking of this, Admiral Allenby believed that Britain and France had absolutely no chance of winning in this war.

If you want to survive, there seems to be only one choice, and that is to surrender to Germany. In the Battle of Paris, although the losses of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force were not small, there are still hundreds of thousands of people. If you can surrender to the Germans, this will greatly promote the Germans' rapid occupation of Paris. Among other things, the German army can easily occupy all of the area south of the Seine River defended by the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force. The rest of the northern part of Paris occupied by the French army could not last long under the siege of the German army.

So, Admiral Allenby believes that the Germans will definitely accept his surrender. He can even take this opportunity to negotiate some terms with Germany. For example, keep him safe. After the war, he was allowed to return to England and so on. He believed that the German side would never reject his small conditions.

After thinking about all this, Admiral Allenby planned to act. He first summoned his adjutant and told his adjutant everything.

The adjutant was surprised, but immediately expressed his willingness to obey Admiral Allenby's orders. After all, for the adjutant, he naturally hoped to survive. Anyway, the order to surrender was given by Admiral Allenby, and he was just executing the order. If there is anything wrong, Canal will not blame him.

That night, Admiral Allenby summoned several commanders and all division commanders of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force at the headquarters. These dozen army commanders and division commanders rushed to the headquarters from their own defense zone.

Everyone is a little unclear, so I don't know why Admiral Allenby will summon them at this time. After all, the current war is entering the most critical stage. The German attack was fierce, and their losses were mounting. If you are not careful, you may cause greater losses. Under such circumstances, these front-line generals often cheered up to deal with the German attack.

"Gentlemen, the current battle situation is already very unfavorable to us. After only three days of fighting, we have suffered heavy losses. The losses of the French are no less than ours. What do you think about this battle?" Ai Admiral Lumby asked.

These generals looked at each other one by one. I don't know what Admiral Allenby meant by saying that.

Seeing that no one spoke, Admiral Allenby continued: "The Germans used a lot of heavy artillery and planes to bomb Paris, which made our defense line become dilapidated. We suffered heavy losses from the German shelling and bombing. On the other hand, the Germans were able to win the victory at the lowest cost with strong fire support."

"General, we are in Paris, and we are indeed unable to stop the German attack. The current efforts are just lingering." A military commander sighed. We are not fools, as army generals, we can undoubtedly distinguish clearly about the situation in front of us.

The other generals also nodded repeatedly. In fact, they are also very negative about this battle. If they didn't have to obey orders, they would not be willing to defend Paris with the French.

"Everyone, since everyone thinks that if you stick to Paris, you will die, and there is no chance of winning. Then why don't we think of other ways?" Admiral Allenby said.

Many generals were stunned immediately. Some smart people seemed to have guessed Admiral Allenby's intentions, so that they looked at Admiral Allenby with shock in their eyes. After all, Allenby is the commander of the 4th Army of the Expeditionary Force, the general of the army! Given his position and military rank, it would be too unbelievable if he surrendered. Of course, it is undoubtedly understandable to do anything for one's own life.

"General, what do you mean?" a lieutenant general asked.

"Gentlemen, for your lives. I don't think I can fight any longer. We can surrender to the Germans. Since the battle is doomed, why should there be so many fearless casualties? Instead of letting A large number of officers and soldiers are going to die, it is better to surrender to the Germans so that everyone can live." Admiral Allenby directly exposed his intentions.

"Surrender?" The generals talked a lot.

"Everyone, I know that if you ask everyone to surrender, your honor will be damaged. However, it is up to you to choose whether you want honor or live." Admiral Allenby continued.

The generals of the British army hesitated for a while, but then each of them expressed their willingness to obey the orders of General Allenby. Then, the meaning is undoubtedly obvious, they chose the latter between honor and life.

Admiral Allenby was very satisfied with the performance of these generals. Although he had arranged some backhands before, it would undoubtedly be the best if he didn't need it.

Chapter 530: Talent

On the night of April 19th, Versailles, the headquarters of the German army. It was rare for Qin Tian to take a break after finishing his day's work.

However, his rest didn't last long before being interrupted. Major General Manstein walked into his office.

"Major General, what's the matter?" Qin Tian asked. Qin Tian knew that if there was nothing urgent, Major General Manstein would not disturb him at this time.

"Your Highness, the front line reported that they had captured an officer of the British Expeditionary Force. The other party claimed to be the adjutant of Admiral Allenby, the commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force. He had an urgent matter to discuss with us." Major General Manstein said.

"Adjutant General Allenby, commander of the 4th Army? What are they trying to do? Are they here to surrender?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, according to my analysis, the British should also come for this purpose. It seems that the high-intensity attack for several days has made the British almost unable to hold on. For the sake of their own lives, they want to surrender. However, it's no wonder, after all, this is the capital of the French, and it has nothing to do with the British. They don't need to go all out for the capital of the French." Major General Manstein said.

Qin Tian nodded: "Then let the British envoy come in. If the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force can surrender, it will undoubtedly be a great thing for us."

"Yes, Your Highness." Major General Manstein nodded and immediately went to make arrangements.

A few minutes later, Admiral Allenby's adjutant was brought to Qin Tian's office. Before entering, the guards had searched. Admiral Allenby's adjutant did not have any weapons on him. Even so, there were a few more guards in the office just in case. After all, Qin Tian's identity is the Crown Prince of the German Empire, so noble. If he was assassinated by the enemy, the consequences would undoubtedly be too serious for anyone to bear.

"Good evening, Your Highness, I am General Allenby's adjutant, Major Edward." Major Edward took the initiative to salute Qin Tian, speaking German in a very standard manner. This makes the conversation between them without translation at all.

"Major, please sit down. General Allenby sent you here, what's the matter?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, General Allenby believes that the British and French allied forces have no chance of winning this battle. He doesn't want to continue the fight. After all, if the fight continues, it will just let the soldiers on both sides die in vain. said Major Edward.

Qin Tian nodded: "General Allenby can think this way, it is undoubtedly the best. Are you representing the troops of the British and French coalition forces in Paris, or just you?"

"Your Highness, what we can represent is only the 4th Army of the Expeditionary Force. We cannot represent the French." Major Edward said.

Qin Tian was not surprised by this. The fighting will and determination of the French were obviously stronger than that of the British. After all, this is their capital, and they cannot retreat. Seeing that the situation is not good, the British can surrender. But it may not be so easy to get the French to surrender.

"Major, does General Allenby have any conditions?" Qin Tian asked straight to the point.

"Your Highness, General Allenby hopes that you can promise to ensure the safety of the lives and property of the remaining hundreds of thousands of soldiers and soldiers of the 4th Expeditionary Army, and to ensure our food and medicine supply before the end of the war, and the wounded soldiers will

also receive Proper treatment cannot force prisoners of war to work. After the war is over, we will be released and returned to the UK." Major Edward said.

Qin Tian nodded, such a condition is not harsh. If the hundreds of thousands of British people continue to resist, even if the German army has strong firepower as support. But in the battle, there will be no small price to pay. Among other things, tens of thousands of casualties are inevitable. After the British surrendered, they saved tens of thousands of troops and saved the lives of tens of thousands of young men.

In addition, after the British surrendered, the entire south of Paris fell into the control of the German army. The German army can gather its forces and attack north of Paris. There are only more than 200,000 French troops, and it is almost impossible to resist the siege of the four German armies. In this case, the German army will be able to win quickly in the Battle of Paris.

"Major, please tell General Allenby that I agree to his terms. After the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force surrendered to us, I promise to guarantee the safety of your lives and property. Of course, those who the British army looted in Paris You cannot take cultural relics away. After the war is over, I will release you and allow you to return to England." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, I will tell General Allenby." Major Edward did not expect that Qin Tian would be so eloquent. Of course, this also means that the conditions of both parties have been reached. Then, there is no problem with the surrender of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force to the Germans.

After Major Edward left happily, Qin Tian summoned General Crook, Commander of the 1st Army Corps, and General Dimlin, Commander of the 5th Army Corps, and informed them that the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force was about to surrender.

Admiral Crook and Admiral Dimlin were taken aback for a moment. They did not expect that the entire British army would surrender. However, this is obviously a good thing for the German army.

"Your Highness, this is a great thing! We should agree to their conditions." Admiral Crook said.

"Yes, Your Highness. After the British surrendered, only the French remained. In this case, we still have a few days at most before we can conquer Paris!" Admiral Dimling also said excitedly.

Qin Tian nodded: "Since this is the case, then I will fully accept the conditions of the British. Everything is aimed at accepting the war as soon as possible."

Qin Tian was also very interested in Admiral Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force. There is no doubt that this is a talent, a talent who can see the situation clearly. Especially after learning that the plan to force the German army to abandon the attack on Paris with heavy artillery and planes was also written by him, Qin Tian became even more optimistic about him.

In the future, after the German army lands in the British Isles and overthrows the British government, it is also necessary to consolidate its rule in the UK. This also means that Germany needs to support its own agents in the UK. Admiral Allenby, who voluntarily surrendered to Germany, is undoubtedly a very suitable candidate. Therefore, Qin Tian intends to take a good look at it next time, and if Admiral Allenby is willing to serve Germany, he will focus on supporting him in the future.