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The strategy of the German army, after defeating France, is about to attack Britain. Of course, the prerequisite is that Britain does not surrender. In this case, the German army will land in Britain.

However, Qin Tian wished that the British would not surrender. In this way, the powerful German army will have the opportunity to land on the British Isles and smash Britain into ruins. Although, it is inevitable that Britain will lose in this war. However, Qin Tian had to admit that Britain's industrial foundation was still very strong, and they would be able to re-arm if given a period of development. At that time, for Germany, it will also be a big threat. Therefore, Qin Tian wanted to take advantage of this war to defeat Britain once and for all and completely solve it.

What's more, if it is a negotiation, no matter what kind of harsh conditions are proposed, it will undoubtedly be much worse than defeating Britain and then slaughtering it at will. After defeating Britain, Germany can slaughter Britain according to its own intentions, and the British have no way to object to this. They have become meat on the chopping board. What's more, after the flames of war are burned to the British mainland, it will undoubtedly be a huge blow to the British industry.

In addition, Qin Tian also planned that after the war, the new British government cabinet must be a pro-German government cabinet. In this way, it is possible to ensure that Germany's interests in the United Kingdom are guaranteed. At the same time, Britain was also under German control.

This requires supporting a group of pro-German talents. General Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, is undoubtedly a very suitable candidate. If he can show his loyalty to Germany, it is entirely possible for him to be a Minister of War in the future British government.

General Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, was circling in his office. Now he is also very summoned. He feared that the German side would not accept his surrender. Although, he thinks this possibility is undoubtedly very small. However, he was also afraid of accidents.

"No, absolutely not, the Germans will not refuse our request. Our surrender will be very beneficial to the Germans." Admiral Allenby told himself like this, as if doing so would Same with confidence.

"General, I'm back." Major Edward reported.

"Major, what do the Germans say? Have they accepted our request?" Admiral Allenby asked hastily.

"General, the Germans agreed to our request. They almost agreed to our request. It's just that they asked us not to take away the cultural relics looted from Paris." Major Edward said.

Admiral Allenby frowned, but finally nodded. Although, with the intention of making a fortune, they quietly looted a lot of cultural relics and antiques from all over Paris. Originally, I planned to bring these things back to the country, and sell them after the war was over, and I could make a lot of money. But unexpectedly, the Germans would not allow them to do so.

Admiral Allenby thought about it, and in the end, saving his life was the most important thing. Only by saving his life, can the rest be successful.

"Okay, Major, please tell the Germans that we accept their conditions and hand over all the cultural relics and antiques to them." Admiral Allenby said.

"Yes, General." Major Edward breathed a sigh of relief at this time. He was still a little worried that General Allenby would not agree. Now it seems that he is completely worrying too much. With Admiral Allenby's greed for life and fear of death, how could he refuse the German's request?

Major Edward rushed to the German headquarters overnight to inform the German army about this. And discuss the specific matters of surrender.

Admiral Allenby also summoned the commanders and division commanders of the 4th Army of the Expeditionary Army and informed them that an agreement had basically been reached with Germany. This news made the generals of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force very satisfied.

Finally no need to die, many people breathed a sigh of relief, and there was an expression of the rest of life on their faces.

Subsequently, the German army and the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force negotiated and surrendered in the early morning of April 21. At that time, the German army will enter the southern city of Paris and take over the defense area of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force.

The reason why the time is set at this time is, on the one hand, to deceive people. Another aspect is for the sake of subsequent operations. At present, the bridge connecting Paris to the cities on both sides of the Seine River has not been blown up. The German army also specifically avoided this area when shelling and bombing. After the surrender of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force, the German army could naturally garrison the south of these bridges secretly, and then attack the north of the bridge at dawn, taking the bridge in one fell swoop. If the bridge can be kept, then the German army's next attack on the northern part of the Seine will be relatively easier. It is even possible to directly attack the French Garrison Command in Paris. After the British surrendered, the location of the French headquarters would naturally not be kept secret from the German army.

Time passed bit by bit, and the German attack on Paris continued. On the French side, it was impossible to imagine that the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force had surrendered. Even, those who knew the news were all high-ranking generals, and none of the middle- and lower-level officers knew anything about it.

On the evening of April 20th, the generals of the British army revealed the news to the middle and lower rank officers. To this, the officers responded differently, but most of them were in favor of surrender. Of course, there are those who refuse to surrender. However, they were quickly arrested. It will not affect the surrender this time.

At 2 o'clock in the morning on April 21, Qin Tian, accompanied by several legion commanders, came to the outskirts of Paris. General Allenby, commander of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force who had been waiting here, offered his guns to Qin Tian and formally surrendered.

At the same time, the German army also secretly entered the southern part of Paris, took over the defense area, and accepted the surrender of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force. Although

the whole process was a little flustered, nothing went wrong, and it was not noticed by the French army on the other side of the Seine.

"His Royal Highness, the Germans have already won this battle. If the fight continues, it will only cause greater casualties. Therefore, for the sake of the lives of the soldiers, I will surrender to the Germans." Admiral Allenby, Putting everything on the sake of the soldiers shows how noble he is.

Qin Tian smiled, with a look of approval: "General Allenby, you are a brave man and a talent. If one day, the German army can land on the British Isles, then a talent like you will be rewarded. important."

Admiral Allenby's eyes suddenly brightened.

Chapter 533: Desperate "Da da da!"

The German tanks fired while advancing rapidly. The intensive machine gun fire caused the French soldiers who were in shock to pay a heavy price. Many French soldiers fell directly into a pool of blood.

When more and more German tanks rushed across the bridge, they turned to the massacre of the French army. Those French soldiers seemed to wake up from their shock. They screamed loudly, runaways.

The German infantry, also following the tanks, rushed across the bridge and joined the attack.

The accompanying engineers immediately removed the explosives planted by the French army to ensure the safety of the bridge.

"Asshole, why did the Germans appear here? Blow up the bridge!" The officer in charge of guarding the bridge gave an order.

However, their movements were still one step slower. When they pressed the handle to blow up the bridge, there was no explosion at all.

"My God! This is over. The Germans cut our explosives line." The officer's face was pale.

Obviously, he also knew what it meant to them after the bridge fell into the hands of the Germans. They will be under attack from both sides of the German army. In terms of the strong attack power of the German army, they may not last long at all.

"Damn the British, why did the Germans come from their defense zone, were they all killed by the Germans silently?" This is obviously impossible. Therefore, this indicates that there is only one possibility. That's when the British surrendered. This is undoubtedly more deadly news for the French army. After the British surrendered, they had to fight alone in Paris.

There are more and more German tanks and infantry crossing the river. They began to clear the French army around the bridge according to the predetermined battle plan, expand the results of the battle, and ensure the safety of the bridge.

The sudden blow left those counterattack soldiers unprepared at all. Under such circumstances, they naturally refused to withstand the German attack. What's more, the German army invested in armored troops during the offensive. For infantry, weapons such as tanks are inherently deadly. Unless

their anti-tank weapons can be prepared in advance. But in the case of a sudden blow, how could they be prepared in advance?

More and more German troops continued to drive to the north bank of the Seine through the bridge, and invested in the attack on the French army.

Place Bastille, French Garrison Headquarters in Paris. Admirals Gallieni and Despere had already been woken up. The sudden battle made them wonder what was going on.

"Reporting to the general, a large number of German tanks and infantry have poured into the north bank of the Seine through the bridge. Now, the German army is attacking our position. We have no preparations at all. So that we are in the throes of the German attack. We are retreating in defeat," the officer reported.

"What the **** is going on here? How did the Germans pass through the British defense zone?" Admiral Gallieni looked angry. Although, he had already thought of a reason in his heart. However, he was unwilling to face it.

"General, according to our analysis, the British should have surrendered secretly. Otherwise, the Germans would not have taken the bridge so easily," the officer said.

"Damn, those despicable and shameless British, they actually surrendered behind our backs." Admiral Gallieni cursed.

"Your Excellency Commander, it is useless to scold the British now. Let us think about how to face the current crisis. After the British surrendered, we will face the double attack of the Germans. This is for us, is undoubtedly a disaster." Admiral Despere said.

Admiral Gallieni thought for a while, and then said: "Immediately order the artillery to fire on the bridge. In any case, the bridge must be blown up. Otherwise, more and more Germans will enter the northern city through the bridge. At that time, it will be even more difficult for us to resist their attacks."

"Yes, General." The staff officer immediately went to convey the order.

"General Despere, the troops of the 1st Army, counterattack the bridge immediately. If the artillery fails, it is up to you. If the bridge can be destroyed, we have a chance to resist. Otherwise, we I'm afraid I won't be able to hold on any longer." Admiral Gallieni said.

Admiral Despere nodded. He naturally knew that the most critical moment had come.

The artillery of the French army has been destroyed a lot in the previous battles. The rest are very limited in number. But this time, in order to blow up the bridge, the French army assembled all the heavy artillery. For a strong bridge, the shells of the 75mm field gun may not be powerful enough. If you want to destroy the bridge, you may need to hit a lot of shells in a row. Therefore, it mainly relies on the 105mm howitzer.

However, Germany has long been prepared for this. The French 105mm cannon had just fired when it was suppressed by German artillery from across the river.

The German 105mm howitzers and 150mm howitzers, which had already been prepared, opened fire violently to suppress the French artillery positions to ensure the safety of the bridge.

At the same time, the German air force also appeared in the sky. Bombers carrying bombs began to bomb the French artillery positions. Fighters also strafed with aviation machine guns.

During the German bombing and shelling, the French artillery positions suffered heavy losses. Many cannons were destroyed before they even had time to fire.

Although some French cannons fired, the shells fell into the river hastily and did not cause any damage to the two bridges.

The artillerymen of the French army are also very brave. In the face of German artillery suppression and bombing, he has been sticking to his post until he is killed. However, their efforts were still unsuccessful. They were not able to destroy the bridge until their cannon and artillery were exhausted.

The troops of the 1st French Army launched a fierce attack on the German troops entering the northern city of Paris. However, they certainly caused a lot of casualties to the German army, especially the heavy casualties of the armored forces. However, it was still unable to advance the battle line to the vicinity of the bridge. As more and more German troops crossed the bridge, the task of the French 1st Army could not be completed at all.

After half a day of fierce fighting, the French 1st Army suffered heavy losses and had to withdraw from the battle. This made their attempts to destroy the bridge all hopeless.

Chapter 534: Conquering Paris

"Your Excellency, Commander, it's over, we are over. My troops have been severely damaged by the Germans. A large number of Germans are passing the bridge continuously. It is impossible for us to regain the bridge." Despe Admiral Lei looked frustrated.

Admiral Despere's 1st Army, the remaining 100,000 troops, launched a fierce attack on the army that entered the north of Paris through the bridge from the south. However, 100,000 people fought for a whole day, and apart from causing heavy losses to themselves, there was no other result at all. The German army has firmly occupied the bridge on the Seine River, and is continuously transporting troops to the north bank of the Seine River through the bridge.

This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the French army stationed in the northern part of the Seine.

After the British army surrendered, the French army fell into a lonely battle. Their strength is only equivalent to less than one-third of the German army. The morale of the troops has even dropped to a low point. If it weren't for the fact that they were fighting to protect their capital, the army might have collapsed long ago. But even so, with the increasing losses, the collapse of the troops seems inevitable.

Admiral Gallieni nodded. He actually had no confidence in the 1st Army's attack. After all, the German army is too strong. If the Seine is blocked, it may be difficult for the German army to reach the north of the Seine. However, after several bridges easily fell into the hands of the German army, the natural moat of the Seine no longer existed. With the strong combat effectiveness of the German army, it is naturally difficult for the French army to defeat the German army.

"General Despere, the current situation is very critical. Under the siege of the Germans, we may not be able to hold on for long." Admiral Gallieni's face was livid.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." Admiral Despere was also very pessimistic about the current battle situation.

"I have asked someone to report the situation here to His Excellency the President. Before receiving the order from His Excellency the President, let us continue to resist." Admiral Gallieni said.

Admiral Despere nodded in agreement.

At this moment, the French government is heading south. After a brief rest in Orleans, they continued to go south. The destination is Bordeaux. The French government is preparing to move there first and wait for the changes in the current situation.

After receiving the telegram from Paris, President Poincaré left to convene the cabinet ministers to discuss countermeasures.

"Damn the British, they betrayed us, how could they do that?" President Poincaré was very angry. You know, in this war, Britain and France have always been the closest allies. They fought side by side against Germany. Britain sent millions of expeditionary troops to fight in France, and the French navy also sent its main fleet to Britain to prepare for the second decisive battle with the French navy. It can be said that both countries have tried their best to defeat Germany. But now, at this most critical juncture, the entire army of the British Expeditionary Force actually betrayed France and surrendered directly to the Germans, and put the French defenders stationed in Paris in an extremely dangerous situation. This is clearly stabbing the Frenchman from the back!

"Your Excellency, this should not be the intention of the British government, but the generals of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force. I believe that the British government will not do that. After all, we will have closer cooperation in the future. said Prime Minister René Viviani.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President. I agree with the Prime Minister's opinion. The sudden betrayal of the British is a serious blow to us. However, this should be nothing more than an isolated incident. Generally speaking, the British are still fighting against us Germany. After all, our navy has launched in-depth cooperation." Minister Alexander Millerand said.

Poincaré nodded in general, and he believed it too. After all, if France is defeated, it will be of absolutely no benefit to the British. When the time comes when they are alone, they will definitely not be the opponents of the Germans. The surrender this time should be that those guys from the 4th Army of the Expeditionary Army surrendered to the Germans without authorization because they were greedy for their lives and fear of death.

But even this made President Poincaré very angry.

"Report this to the British and let them give us an explanation!" President Poincaré said through gritted teeth.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." The Foreign Minister nodded.

"Your Excellency, what should we do about the war in Paris? The British betrayed and allowed the Germans to occupy the bridge over the Seine. General Gallieni and the others, it is difficult to hold on." Minister Alexander Millerand said.

President Poincaré hesitated for a moment, and then said: "General Gallieni and the others, let them decide for themselves. If they think they can't hold on, they can do it cheaply."

"Yes, Your Excellency." Minister Alexander Millerand nodded.

This undoubtedly means that, in the case of a very unfavorable battle situation, Admiral Gallieni and others can choose whether to continue to resist, or directly surrender to the Germans in order to save the lives of most people.

Even if Admiral Gallieni and others choose to surrender, no one will blame them. After all, the current situation is so unfavorable, it is not easy for them to persist until this moment.

In response to the surrender of the 4th Army of the British Expeditionary Force to the German army, France protested strongly to the British government. The British government was also very angry about this matter. They hope to use the French to delay time while weakening the strength of the Germans as much as possible. Now, the French were stabbed in the back by the British Expeditionary Force. No wonder the French are quite angry about this.

The British government assured France that this is just an isolated case. Like France, Britain hopes to continue the war. In order to appease France, the British government even said that Admiral Allenby would be tried. Of course, Admiral Allenby is now staying in a German prisoner-of-war camp and can only conduct trials in absentia. But this undoubtedly showed an attitude to the French. In the end, the British court-martial sentenced Admiral Allenby to hang. It's just that they never had the chance to execute it.

The German attack on Paris became more intense. Under the onslaught of the German army, the French army suffered heavy losses. Three days later, the French army staying in Paris surrendered to the German army in a desperate execution. The commander of the Paris garrison, General Gallieni, chose to commit suicide by swallowing a gun.

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7-9 minutes

On the morning of April 25, 1915, Qin Tian, accompanied by a group of senior German generals and escorted by the guards, entered Paris. Paris at this moment has been completely reduced to ruins. There are charred rubble and collapsed buildings everywhere. The streets are densely covered with large and small bomb craters. Here, it no longer looks like a world famous cultural city.

Because the streets are full of bomb craters, cars are impassable. Qin Tian and the others had no choice but to walk. Walking in such a city full of ruins, Qin Tian was very moved. Sure enough, destruction is much easier than creation. It has been more than a thousand years since Paris was founded. It took thousands of years of development to create this city in the civilized world. However, in just one week, the German army blew up the city into ruins inside and out.

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In the distance, there were sporadic gunshots, which made the guards around them very nervous. However, Qin Tian did not panic at all. He is undoubtedly very confident in the strength of his guards. After all, these guards are carefully selected elites from the army. The surrounding commanding heights are also full of snipers. If he was assassinated under such circumstances, he would really deserve to die.

"Is the resistance in the city still young and fierce?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Highness, there are only some sporadic resistance. Most of the French have chosen to surrender to us. Only a handful of people have chosen to continue fighting. We have already mobilized our troops, and we will deal with those French troops who persist. The suppression has been carried out. Under the strangling of the snipers, these Frenchmen will not last long. It is estimated that in another three to five days, they will all be wiped out." Admiral Crook said.

After the French army surrendered to the German army and the whole of Paris fell into the hands of the German army, the four legions of the German army sent troops into Paris to take charge of the defense here and the task of clearing up the remnants of the enemy. Overall, the progress is pretty good.

"Paris has been taken by us. Are those French still obsessed? It is of no benefit for them to continue to fight." The commander of the 2nd Army, General Bilo, said.

"No matter what, we are the aggressors in the eyes of these French people. They should attack us. It's just that their behavior is completely like a car." Lieutenant General Ludendorff said.

Obviously, when the whole of Paris fell under the control of the German army, the behavior of these French people was no different from courting death. Of course, there is nothing wrong with them fighting for their country.

Qin Tian and his party walked all the way to the Seine River. The cities on both sides of the strait have been reduced to ruins. However, the river is still flowing quietly, as if it has not been affected at all.

The Eiffel Tower, once world-renowned, has collapsed under the shelling and bombing of the German army. A section of the pagoda fell into the river.

Looking at all this, Qin Tian said: "Everyone, we may be serious in those literary and art circles, and have become barbarians who destroy civilization!"

"Haha, what about the barbarians? As long as we can win the war, even if we bear these infamy, what is it?" said General Dimlin, commander of the 5th Army.

"Yes, we are soldiers, not so-called artists. Those cultural relics, in our opinion, are worthless. It is impossible for us to exchange the lives of soldiers for these useless things." Admiral Crook said.

The other generals also nodded repeatedly. As soldiers, how do they think about winning? Or how to win at the least cost. As for other people's opinions, they simply ignored them.

Paris has been turned into ruins, and there is nothing to see. Therefore, Qin Tian and the others left Paris and returned to Versailles after taking a casual look around the city.

This made the entourage, especially the officers and soldiers of the guards, breathe a sigh of relief. After all, there are still resisting French people in the city. What if something unexpected happens?

After returning to Versailles, Qin Tian and several group army commanders went directly into the war room to discuss the next stage of operations.

"Your Highness, all generals. After we took Paris, the strength of the British and French coalition forces has been hit hard like never before. Now, the troops of the British and French coalition forces are mainly the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 5th troops of the French Army. The 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, and 12th are ten group armies. The British Expeditionary Force is only left with the 1st Army and the 5th Army. Although the Anglo-French Allied Forces have many numbers. However, their strength has already Not many. Among them, the 2nd Army of the French Army was almost completely wiped out by us in the battle of Champagne-Chalons. The remaining armies, except for the 11th and 12th Armies, were all It was severely damaged in the morning. The remaining strength of the French Army is only about one million. Moreover, the French 11th Army and 12th Army are still newly formed troops, and they are not even fully equipped with heavy weapons, let alone combat effectiveness. Yes. The 1st Army of the British Expeditionary Force was severely damaged by our army in Rouen, and also suffered heavy losses. The remaining troops in the army were less than 100,000. At the same time, the 5th Army of the British Expeditionary Force was also a newly formed force. The combat effectiveness is also very poor. In addition, according to the information we have received, the French government has issued an order to form three more group armies. In this case, the total strength of the British and French coalition forces will be about two million "Major General Manstein introduced.

The total strength of the British and French Allied Forces still seems to be more than that of the German Western Front. However, in terms of combat effectiveness, the German army can easily defeat them. The troops of the British and French allied forces, except for the disabled troops, are newly formed troops. How much combat power can we count on such a force? Even when facing the elite troops of the British and French allied forces, the German army can easily win, let alone when facing these mobs.

"Everyone, although we have captured Paris. However, the French do not seem to intend to surrender. It seems that they still want to continue fighting. The two million British and French coalition forces may be their confidence. If we do not continue If we defeat them and make them pay a heavy price, they will not bow their heads and beg us for mercy. Therefore, this battle will continue until we completely defeat the French," Qin Tian said.

Since the French are ignorant, don't blame him for killing them all.

Chapter 536: Running to the sea

"Let the 6th and 7th armies go south from Verdun, capture Lyon, and fight all the way to Marseilles. The 3rd and 5th armies also continue to go south, attacking central France, and destroying all French resistance. The first The 2nd Army and the 3rd Army will go south from Paris. As for the 1st Army and the 8th Army, they need to attack westward along the Seine River. The 1st Army and 5th Army of the British and French coalition forces are not retreating to Le Havre Is it? It's best not to let the British army return to the British mainland!" Qin Tian said.

Although the British and French coalition forces still have nearly 2 million people, in Qin Tian's view, they are simply vulnerable. Compared with the elite German army that has experienced many battles, the combat effectiveness of the British and French allied forces is too poor. Especially those newly formed troops, the combat effectiveness is quite poor. As for the British Expeditionary Force, even

though they only had 300,000 people left, Qin Tian still hoped to wipe them out in France instead of sending them back to England. Once they return to the UK, when the German army lands in the UK in the future, it will pose a certain threat to the German army.

The British Army is undoubtedly much weaker than the Navy. The British Expeditionary Force is undoubtedly a relatively well-equipped and combat-effective force. Although, they were embarrassed by the Germans on the French battlefield. However, if they return to the UK and re-arm, under the stimulation of the thought of defending the country, they don't know how powerful they will be.

Qin Tian does not want the German army to suffer too many casualties in the future landing operations in the UK. After all, the war was almost over, and it was not worth losing one's life at that time.

"Your Highness, is it too much to deploy six legions to attack the remnants of the French in the south? The vast area of northern France also requires troops to stay behind. Especially when our logistics supply lines are getting longer and longer, this is undoubtedly a problem. Give those French who insist on resistance a chance." Admiral Crook reminded.

Qin Tian nodded, logistics support is indeed very important. Especially when the army entered the south-central of France, it was necessary to send troops to garrison important traffic nodes, and even conduct patrols to encircle and suppress the French who persisted in resisting. This also makes it impossible for them to send all the troops out.

"Then, which army should we keep to garrison northern France?" Qin Tian asked.

"Let the 4th Army of the Duke of Württemberg stay. The Duke of Württemberg is not in good health recently, and he has requested to return to China for a period of recuperation. In this case, it is just right for the 4th Army to undertake less serious logistical support tasks." Bi Admiral Luo suggested.

Qin Tian thought for a while, and agreed to this strategy, leaving the 4th Army for logistical support, while the other five armies attacked south. Although one legion was missing, Qin Tian was still very confident in the German army's next attack. Five legions, more than one million people, are enough to sweep the whole of France. The remaining troops of the French were no match for the Germans at all.

"Your Highness, Le Havre is the naval base of the French, and there are many French warships left there. If we attack Le Havre, I am afraid that we will be attacked by French naval guns. The artillery of the army, obviously It is impossible to fight against the navy's naval guns. In addition, if Le Havre is not blocked, the British may withdraw from there to the British mainland. Therefore, it is best to let the navy assist us in this battle." Lieutenant General Ludendorff, chief of staff of the 8th Army, said.

"Yes, Your Highness. If the Navy can assist us, it will be able to block the way for the British to retreat. By then, it will be easier to take Le Havre and wipe out the British Expeditionary Force." Crook went up will say.

"I will explain to the navy. When the 1st and 8th legions attack Le Havre, the navy will send warships to assist you." Qin Tian said.

This is a small problem. Although, the French also have a not weak navy. However, the main force of the French navy has always been in the Mediterranean. If it is said that in the last century, the French still had the ambition to compete with the British for maritime supremacy, then after the fall of the

Second French Empire, the French ambitions were also shattered. With the French self-defeating, the Royal Navy of the British Empire naturally and easily became the most powerful navy in the world. Facing the powerful Royal Navy, the French Navy even had to transfer its main force to the Mediterranean Sea to dominate in that small pond, and did not dare to compete with the British Royal Navy in the Atlantic Ocean.

Of course, the current French navy does not pose any threat to the German navy at all. Although, the French Navy also has ten capital ships. But in front of the powerful German navy, that is nothing at all. Sending a fleet at will can destroy it. The current German navy has defeated even the British Royal Navy and has become the veritable number one navy in the world.

"Everyone, the French campaign will soon come to an end. In other words, the entire land battlefield, except for the next battle to land in Britain, there will be no large-scale battles. It is not a short-term battle to land in Britain. It can be launched in half a while, and there are a lot of things that need to be prepared. It is estimated that it will take until at least the second half of the year. Therefore, in the final battle of the French battlefield, I hope that everyone will be more careful and avoid capsizing in the gutter. In that case, it will be a stain on our victory." Qin Tian reminded.

The German Army is number one in the world, this is the consensus of everyone. Although the German Army is very rigorous, they still inevitably feel proud in the face of a series of brilliant victories. In that case, it is very likely to plant the seeds of failure for failure.

"Yes, Your Highness." Several commanders nodded solemnly. The mood of the army recently is indeed not quite right.

"Okay, everyone. Let's all go back and prepare. I hope that the Battle of France will end as soon as possible. Then, start preparing for landing in the British mainland." Qin Tian said with a smile.

"Yes, Your Highness." Several commanders replied. Although, it is not yet known which regiments will participate in the battle to land on the British mainland. However, everyone undoubtedly hopes to have this opportunity in their hearts.

The next day, the German army continued to operate. The 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th armies moved south to attack the French. The 1st Army and the 8th Army headed west towards the sea. The 4th Army is responsible for ensuring the safety of the logistics supply line.

Chapter 538: undercurrent

The German army won a big victory in France, severely damaged the British and French allied forces in one fell swoop, and even occupied the French capital Paris. Of course, the entire German Empire fell into a carnival. But at the same time, not everyone is unhappy.

For example, the retired former Chief of Staff of the German Imperial Army, Mao Qi, is one of them.

When Xiao Moqi was the chief of the army's general staff, he personally directed the battle on the western front. A more self-righteous modification of the Schlieffen plan, thinking that many mistakes in the Schlieffen plan were corrected. However, after the war started, he discovered that the modified Schlieffen plan beyond recognition had no way of succeeding.

In the end, the German Army suffered heavy losses on the Western Front. Although they also caused heavy losses to the British and French allied forces, and captured a large area of northern France. However, they failed to achieve the planned strategic goal, that is, to capture Paris and force France to withdraw from the war. In this war, Germany fell into a crisis of protracted war. After all, as far as Germany is concerned, once it is caught in a protracted war, it will be difficult to win. Therefore, Germany must avoid this situation as much as possible.

Of course, all this is not entirely the fault of Little Maoqi. He certainly bears most of the blame for this. But others are also responsible. For example, William II, and those German generals on the front line. If it weren't for William II blindly making unrealistic demands. If the frontline generals didn't obey Maoqi's orders during the war, maybe the ending would be different.

It's just that it's too late to say that now. Little Maoqi has been relieved of his duties and retired from active service. This is undoubtedly a shame for little Maoqi. You know, his uncle, Old Moltke, was the chief of staff who commanded the German army to win the war of unification of the German Empire. Little Mao Qi has always firmly believed that with his talent, he will definitely be able to surpass his uncle and establish greater achievements. But I didn't expect that it would end up like this.

When the news came that the German army had conquered Paris, Little Moltke sat in his office and remained silent for a long time. His back looks so bleak and lonely.

"Hey, is it really because of my lack of personal ability? Why is Oscar that guy able to succeed so easily, but I can't?" Little Maoqi looked jealous.

Indeed, Xiao Maoqi is very jealous of Qin Tian. I think Qin Tian's luck is too good. Although Qin Tian was the crown prince of the empire, at the age of more than 20 years old, he almost started from scratch, established such a large foundation, and also won the love of the empire's army and navy. It's almost unimaginable.

Originally, there was not much enmity between Xiao Maoqi and Qin Tian. It's just that Xiao Maoqi has always been friends with Crown Prince William. After Qin Tian became the Crown Prince, he blindly resisted and suppressed Qin Tian. In the end, the conflict between the two sides became deeper and deeper.

It's just that, in their struggle, it finally ended with the failure of little Maoqi.

"It seems that no one can shake that guy's status. The future throne must belong to him. Even William II, I'm afraid there is no way to replace his reserve!" Little Maoqi sighed tone.

Although, he was very unwilling. However, he seemed to have no other choice.

People who are also unhappy are Lieutenant General Plittwitz of the German Guards. Before the war broke out, he wanted to compete with Qin Tian for the position of commander of the 8th Army. However, in the end William II transferred him away in order to give Qin Tian a place. This made Lieutenant General Prittwitz very dissatisfied. Even though Qin Tian was the crown prince of the empire, he still harbored resentment towards those who robbed him of his position. Especially after the German 8th Army achieved a series of victories on the Eastern Front, Lieutenant General Prittwitz was extremely jealous.

He paranoically believes that if he is the commander of the 8th Army, he can also lead the 8th Army to win these brilliant victories on the Eastern Front. In that case, with those exploits, he could even be promoted to Marshal. It is precisely because of that that he regards Qin Tian as his great enemy.

Later, he was even more active in uniting with little Mao Qi, trying to bring down Qin Tian. But unfortunately, it was not successful in the end.

Now, Prittwitz is still Lieutenant General of the Imperial Guard, and his position has not been promoted in the slightest. Especially after Xiao Maoqi was dismissed, he had no hope of promotion at all, and it was God's blessing to keep his current position. Originally, the personal relationship between him and Kaiser Wilhelm II had also faded away. This made Lieutenant General Prittwitz very unwilling.

"That damned guy actually won another battle. In the eyes of the German people and the military, he is already like a god. In this case, who else can deal with him? Is it possible, just watching like this Will he become the emperor of the empire step by step? At that time, will I have a way out? I am afraid that there is no other way but to be dismissed!" Lieutenant General Prittwitz thought of this, and his heart was very irritable. He is a person who is very greedy for power and position, and he wants to continue to climb up even in his dreams. Whoever stands in his way is his enemy. Even if that person is noble.

"General, someone wants to see you." The adjutant came in suddenly and reported to Lieutenant General Prittwitz.

"Tell him, I'm not free!" Lieutenant General Prittwitz said angrily. Now he is in a state of anxiety, how can he be in the mood to see guests!

"What's the matter? General Prittwitz, even I'm missing, right?" A voice sounded.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz looked up, a look of astonishment flashed across his face, and then a smile filled his face: "It turned out to be Prince Friedrich, how come you have time to come to the Guards?"

It was Prince Ethel Friedrich, the second son of William II.

"General, I am here this time because someone wants to see you. So, I came here to invite the general." Prince Ethel Friedrich said.

"Who wants to see me?" Lieutenant General Prittwitz was a little puzzled.

"You'll know when you go!" Prince Ethel Friedrich said with a smile, looking very mysterious.

"Okay, Your Royal Highness." Lieutenant General Prittwitz nodded.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz changed into casual clothes, and together with Prince Eitel Friedrich, left the headquarters of the Guards, and went directly to a manor in Potsdam by car. After staying in the manor for a full two hours, Lieutenant General Prittwitz left. However, when he left, he had a smile on his face.

Chapter 539: Persuasion

Berlin, Moltke's mansion.

After dinner, Xiao Moqi chatted with his family for a while, and then went to the office as usual. Although he has been dismissed, he still has great influence in the German Army. He can receive many battle reports here.

Although Qin Tian led the German army to an unprecedented victory in France. But little Mao Qi did not admit defeat. He believed that his ability, at least in terms of military command, was much stronger than Qin Tian. In order to prove this point, Xiao Maoqi thought of a way, that is, he started to write a book. It is about to pass on your own military command ideas through books. He believes that people in future generations will be able to tell the difference.

On this night, little Maoqi just put on his reading glasses and got ready for work. But the waiter came to report, and Lieutenant General Prittwitz asked to see him.

Little Mao Qi frowned. Although his personal relationship with Lieutenant General Plitvice was pretty good, after he was dismissed, Lieutenant General Plitvitz rarely came to him. After all, Little Moltke, who lost his position as chief of the general staff, could no longer help Lieutenant General Prittwitz. At the same time, both of them were people who had a feud with Qin Tian. If they were in frequent contact, it was inevitable that Qin Tian would not hear about it. In that case, Qin Tian might have bad thoughts in his heart. This is undoubtedly not a good thing for both of them. Therefore, the two took the initiative to reduce their meetings.

Although he couldn't figure out what Lieutenant General Prittwitz was doing so late, Little Moltke still asked the waiter to bring him to his office.

"Your Excellency, good evening!" Lieutenant General Prittwitz immediately greeted Little Moltke after seeing him. Little Mao Qi's title is earl, of course, he did not earn this title, but inherited it.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, hello." Xiao Maoqi nodded.

"Your Excellency, I heard that you are writing a book on military command. I have been looking forward to when I can read your masterpiece." Lieutenant General Prittwitz said.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, I'm just writing casually. It's hard to say whether it will be published or not." Little Maoqi shook his head modestly.

"With the Earl's military command ability, the book written will definitely be sought after by everyone. You know, there are still many people in the Imperial Army who respect the Earl. Even Falkenheim After the guy came to power, everyone was suppressed. However, everyone did not give up, and they are still waiting for the day when His Excellency the Earl can lead us again and achieve greater victories." Lieutenant General Prittwitz was very excited.

Little Maoqi's eyes flashed a gleam of relief. It is undoubtedly gratifying for him to have so many supporters in the army. Of course, these people who are close to him are not in a very good situation now, and some even chose to retire. After von Falkenhain came to power, he would naturally clean up little Mao Qi's direct line. This is a very normal thing in the first place, and anyone who came on stage would definitely do that. But Xiao Maoqi felt a little uncomfortable in his heart.

However, Little Mao Qi has no hope of coming back to power. Now, Qin Tian's influence in the empire and the army is at its peak. Although von Falkenhain's ability was not very good, under his leadership, the army won one major victory after another. From the performance point of view, these

are much better than when Mo Qi was in charge of the army. Ordinary people can't see the deep-seated things, they only think that Maoqi is poor, so he can't lead the army to victory. And von Falkenhain's ability is strong, so he can lead the army to victory. Coupled with the support of Qin Tian, the crown prince of the empire, von Falkenhain's status is naturally as stable as Mount Tai.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, I am now a dismissed person, and I don't want to think about those unrealistic things anymore." Xiao Maoqi shook his head. Although, in his heart, he is also very eager to take up the military post again, and it is best to be able to serve as the chief of the army's general staff again. Of course, he knew that this was impossible. If he insisted on finding a solution in that direction, it would cause dissatisfaction with Qin Tian and von Falkenhain. By then, he might be in big trouble. Therefore, for the sake of his own interests, even his own life, Xiao Maoqi can only suppress the unrealistic thoughts in his heart.

"Your Excellency, why do you want to belittle yourself? With your ability and qualifications, and your prestige in the army, absolutely no one can compare with you. I think you must still have a chance." will say.

Xiao Maoqi shook his head: "Forget it, Your Excellency the Lieutenant General. People should recognize the status quo clearly. Otherwise, they will only fall into crisis. I advise you, from now on, you'd better be more honest Right. Although, His Royal Highness may not embarrass you. However, there are many people who know about your holiday. Those who want to show their favor to His Royal Highness will inevitably not use this opportunity to deal with you. If I were you If that's the case, it's best to request to retire from active service immediately, leave Berlin, find a small place, and live in peace and stability."

Plittwitz's face turned blue and then pale. Even though, he knew that little Maoqi was doing it for his own good. However, he was really not reconciled! He would not be willing to let him just give up the power in his hands and leave the bustling Berlin.

What's more, after meeting that person, a glimmer of hope has been rekindled in his heart.

"No, we haven't lost yet, we still have a chance, we can't just give up!" Lieutenant General Prittwitz said secretly.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz took a deep breath, calmed himself down, and began to organize his words. The main purpose of his coming to see little Maoqi this time is to persuade little Maoqi to act with them. After all, although Little Maoqi was dismissed, he still had unparalleled influence in the army. With little Maoqi joining them, the possibility of their success is undoubtedly much greater.

"Your Excellency, I am very unwilling. You know, the position of the commander of the 8th Army originally belonged to me. However, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince suddenly intervened, so that I could not get this position. Otherwise, the command of the 8th Army I'm afraid I'm the one who made the 8th Army shine on the Eastern Front. Tell me, can I be willing?" Lieutenant General Prittwitz said with red eyes.

Chapter 540: Crown Prince William

Little Mao Qi quietly listened to the nagging of Lieutenant General Plittwitz, although he didn't think these complaints of Lieutenant General Plittwitz were right. However, he knew that Lieutenant General

Prittwitz had resentment in his heart, and if he was not allowed to vent it, it might cause more serious consequences.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz, little Mao Qi is very familiar with this person, he has no ability, except for trying to figure out what others mean and please others, he has no ability. Even if he became the commander of the 8th Army, he would definitely not be able to lead the 8th Army to a brilliant victory on the Eastern Front.

Although Xiao Maoqi was dissatisfied with Qin Tian, he still recognized Qin Tian's ability. Originally, the 8th Army was the army with the worst combat effectiveness in the German Army. However, after Qin Tian became the commander of the 8th Army, through a lot of investment, the 8th Army has been completely changed, so that the combat effectiveness of the 8th Army has become the most powerful among the several German armies. .

Furthermore, in the subsequent Eastern Front War, Qin Tian's command of the 8th Army was also very appropriate. Whether it was luring the enemy to go deep, or joining forces with the Austro-Hungarian Empire to severely damage the Russian army, he performed very well. Xiao Moqi even thought that even if it was him, he probably wouldn't be able to do better than this.

As for Lieutenant General Plittwitz, if he was the commander of the 8th Army, it is estimated that the German army would not only fail to win on the Eastern Front, but would suffer a disastrous defeat. In that case, it is hard to say whether Germany can win the war.

Of course, these are what Xiao Maoqi thinks in his heart. However, on the surface, he didn't express anything, let alone say it. Although he is not happy with Lieutenant General Prittwitz, he will not offend Lieutenant General Prittwitz either. After all, the current him is no longer the chief of the general staff who holds a lot of power, but just an old man with leisure time at home.

Lieutenant General Prittwitz complained for a while before stopping. Then he looked at Little Mao Qi, and continued: "Your Excellency, I know, you will definitely not be reconciled!"

Xiao Maoqi smiled wryly: "If you are not reconciled, what can you do? Now, we are all losers, and we can no longer confront His Royal Highness. He led the army and won a crucial victory in this war. He has won. It is foreseeable that in the future, his position will be more stable, and no one can fight against him. If we persist in our obsession, the final result will be to hit the stone with the pebble."

Lieutenant General Prittwitz nodded: "Your Excellency, that is indeed the case. That kid Oscar is very lucky."

"However, Your Excellency Earl, it is not that we have no chance at all. Now, we have an excellent opportunity. If it works well, it may not be impossible to pull him down. Even, we can all get huge benefits "" Lieutenant General Prittwitz said.

Little Maoqi couldn't help raising his eyebrows after hearing this. It would be the best if Qin Tian could be pulled down from the position of crown prince. But is it that easy? At least, Xiao Moqi thinks this will be very, very difficult.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, what do you want to do? Launch a coup d'etat?" Little Maoqi looked serious.

No matter which country, it will not be too tolerant towards those who launch a coup. Once successful, they will certainly be able to gain high positions and wield enormous power. However, if you fail, you may lose your life.

"Your Excellency, it's not a coup d'état. I promise, we have absolutely legitimate reasons. How about it, Your Excellency, I will take you to a place and meet someone. After that, you will understand everything." Prithvi Lieutenant General Ci said.

Little Maoqi didn't answer immediately, but fell into deep thought.

Reason told him that the actions of Lieutenant General Plitvice and the others were too risky. If you don't pay attention, you will lose your wealth and life. However, the ambition that had been suppressed in his heart resurfaced again. He is also a person who is extremely greedy for power. Otherwise, he would never have tried to rely on his relationship with William II to keep his position after failing to achieve the expected success on the Western Front.

Now, Lieutenant General Prittwitz suddenly told him that he had such an opportunity, which naturally moved his heart.

"Okay, I'll take a look with Lieutenant General Plitvice. I want to see what they're up to. If it's unreliable, then I will refuse to participate." Xiao Moqi secretly made up his mind determined.

"Your Excellency, Lieutenant General, let me go with you!" Little Maoqi said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Earl. I believe that you will definitely make the right choice." Lieutenant General Prittwitz had a happy expression on his face, as if he had decided that Moltke would join them.

Little Maoqi was also guessing in his heart, who Lieutenant General Plitvice would take him to see. One name after another flashed through his mind. However, no one can compare with Qin Tian, the current crown prince of the empire.

Little Moltke and Lieutenant General Plittwitz left Berlin overnight in a car and headed for Potsdam. The car did not go to the imperial palace in Potsdam, but to a remote estate.

After the gate of the manor was opened, the car drove directly in.

"Please, Your Excellency the Earl." Lieutenant General Plittwitz said.

Little Moltke entered the hall under the guidance of Lieutenant General Prittwitz.

A young man was standing inside with a tiny face. Little Maoqi naturally knew this person, he was the second son of William II, Prince Ethel Friedrich.

"Your Excellency, good evening!" Prince Ethel Friedrich said hello.

"Hi, Your Highness." Little Maoqi nodded.

At the same time, he also thought about it in his heart. Could it be that Prince Ethel Friedrich wanted to connect with Lieutenant General Prittwitz and others to launch a coup?

However, Xiao Moqi obviously didn't like them. After all, although Prince Ethel Friedrich is the second son of William II, he absolutely cannot compare with Qin Tian in terms of ability or influence in the country. Little Moqi thought that if they launched a coup, they would definitely lose.

"Your Excellency, please come with me." Prince Ethel Friedrich said.

Little Mao Qi was taken aback for a moment, why, isn't the person he wants to meet Prince Ethel Friedrich?

Little Moltke followed Prince Eitel Friedrich to the bedroom on the second floor. When the bedroom door opened, Little Mao Qi froze for a moment. What appeared in front of him was a man in a wheelchair. And this person, Little Mao Qi knew, and was very familiar with him. He was the eldest son of Emperor William II, the former Crown Prince of the Empire.