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"Your Excellency, Minister of Foreign Affairs, this war has been going on for almost a year. During this year, a large number of people in your country and our country have died in the war, and the wealth consumed is even more immeasurable. This war It brings only destruction. The French Republic hopes to achieve peace and does not want the war to continue. This is not only beneficial to the French Republic, but also beneficial to the German Empire." Théophile Delcase A high-sounding opening remark.

Obviously the French were unable to defeat Germany and could not sustain it any longer. If they continued to fight, they would even be threatened with extinction. But in order to save the face of the French Republic, the people were used as an excuse. Of course, this is the usual method used by these politicians.

Von Kidren Wachter, watching Théophile Delcase's performance, did not reveal it. The French are tough enough now, why bother tearing them down? Anyway, Germany will not be soft at all in this peace talks.

"Yes, Your Excellency. The German Empire does not want the war to continue. That's why we agreed to conduct peace talks with France." Wacht said.

Theophile Delcase seems to be very satisfied that the two countries can reach a consensus in this regard. This is undoubtedly a good start for this negotiation.

"Your Excellency, I think this time we will be able to reach a consensus soon." Théophile Delcase said.

Vachite nodded, and then continued: "Your Excellency, I have to tell you that because the time is urgent now, we only have three days for this negotiation. Within three days, if we have not been able to If there is an agreement, then I am afraid I will have to announce that the negotiations have broken down."

Theophile Delcase was stunned for a moment. He couldn't understand why Wahit's attitude changed all of a sudden. How could such a negotiation be finished in three days? If the differences between the two sides were a little bigger, it might not be finished in three months! He couldn't figure out why there was such a change in Vachter's attitude.

"Your Excellency, three days is too short, isn't it?" Théophile Delcasse said.

"It's not short. If we can reach a consensus, it doesn't take three days at all, and one day is enough." Wahit said.

Theophile Delcase suddenly had a bad feeling in his heart. He felt that the attitude of the Germans this time might be very tough. Therefore, he felt a sense of powerlessness in his heart, but there was no way to solve it.

"Okay, Your Excellency Minister, then let's not waste time, let's start!" Wahit urged.

Theophile Delcase nodded.

"Your Excellency, in view of the fact that in this war, the German Empire paid an extremely heavy price. The cause of this war was initiated by the Allied Powers. Therefore, the German Empire believes that the French Republic has to do something to the German Empire. Compensation," Wahit said.

Theophile Delcasse opened his mouth, wanting to refute the Germans' behavior of shifting the responsibility for causing the war to their own country, but in the end they didn't say anything. He knew that the Germans were going to ask for war reparations. This was a common practice, and even if he refuted it, it would be useless.

After France was defeated in the last Franco-Prussian War, didn't the Germans also claim five billion francs in war reparations? I just don't know how big the appetite of the Germans will be this time.

"Your Excellency, France also suffered extremely heavy losses in this war. More than half of our country has been burned into scorched earth. Therefore, if Germany demands too much compensation, we may not be able to pay " Théophile del Casse began to cry poor. In terms of war reparations, since it is unavoidable, of course it is a little bit less to pay.

Wachter ignored Theophile Delcase's cry of poverty, and directly offered the price: "The German Empire believes that it is more appropriate for France to compensate us with a total of 100 billion marks."

"What? One thousand? One hundred billion marks! This, how is this possible?" Théophile Delcase jumped up immediately. This number is undoubtedly an astronomical figure.

Originally, he thought that the Germans wanted at most two or three billion marks. Although that is not a small amount, with France's financial resources, it can be obtained by biting one's teeth. However, now I know that the appetite of the Germans is bigger than they imagined! One hundred billion marks, even the French can't get it out! Of course, if France's overseas investment is also included, it can be almost 100 billion marks. But if it was all given to the Germans, how would the reconstruction of France proceed? Don't forget, France is almost a piece of scorched earth now! Reconstruction also requires a large sum of money.

"Your Excellency, 100 billion marks is not much. The casualties of the German army on the French battlefield and the war materials consumed are also very large. In addition, we do not think that France cannot produce 100 billion marks. According to We have received reliable news that France's overseas investment is as high as more than 100 billion francs. Therefore, this war reparation is not a big deal." Wahit's attitude is firm.

"Your Excellency, is your country trying to take away our last franc? If France compensates Germany so much for war reparations, then France will be completely finished. We also lost a lot during the war. A lot The people are in urgent need of medical treatment. A lot of ruins need to be cleaned up. The people can't even fill their stomachs. All these need money." Théophile Del Casse said.

However, Wahit was not moved at all. What does the life and death of the French have to do with Germany? What's more, the more France's strength is weakened, the better it will be for Germany. The two sides are old enemies! Even in this war, France was defeated. Germany can slaughter them wantonly. However, the French will certainly not be reconciled. They will definitely wait for the chance of revenge. Therefore, in this negotiation, Germany must weaken France as much as possible, so that

France will completely lose the opportunity to retaliate against Germany. Only in this way can Germany be truly safe.

"Your Excellency, France can pay Germany 20 billion marks in war reparations, which already shows our sincerity." Théophile Delcase said.