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The navy of the island country is eyeing the US loan, and wants to get a large part of it ambitiously, so that it can rebuild a powerful navy. But in the same way, the Japanese Army is also eyeing this loan, and they also want to occupy most of the loans to further enhance the combat effectiveness of the Japanese Army.

"Master Shanxian, Master Dashan. This is a good opportunity for our army! For a long time, due to insufficient military expenditures, the size of the army can only be kept at a small scale. Germany, which has the same population as ours, has a standing army as high as 800,000 people, more than three times what we had before. If we can get more loans this time, we can increase the number of standing troops to 30 divisions. In this way, our power will be even greater!" Gang Ichinosuke's face was full of smiles, and what he said could be said to be spitting.

Shanxian Youpeng nodded: "Mr. Lu, don't forget that the Germans' economic strength is much stronger than ours. They can maintain a standing army of 800,000 or even millions, but we can't. We don't have any There is not that much money to support so many troops."

"Master Yamagata, as long as we can gain a firm foothold in Southeast Asia, we will have enough money to maintain a huge army." Oka Ichinosuke has never forgotten about Southeast Asia until now.

"The navy has suffered heavy losses this time, and they will definitely request to build more warships to restore their strength. We cannot refuse their request!" Marshal Dashanyan said.

"Yes, the navy's request cannot be ignored. Of course, our relationship with the navy is not good. However, the navy is also an important force of the empire. Without the navy, we can only defend our homeland. Therefore, a strong navy is Indispensible!" Shanxian Youpeng also said.

Although Shanxian Youpeng and Da Shanyan are both big men in the army. But at the same time, they are also the heads of government that dominate the island nation. They must be considered for the benefit of the entire island country. Otherwise, the island nation will have no future.

"The navy is so bad! This time it was easily defeated by the Germans. It would be a waste to use loans to build warships for them." Oka Ichinosuke was still a little unwilling.

"President Lu, for the benefit of the empire, the conflict between us and the navy cannot be temporarily abandoned." Da Shanyan said.

"Hi, Oyama-sama!" Oka Ichinosuke nodded.

"My lord, Yamamoto Gonbei-sama and Marshal Togo Heihachiro ask to see you." The waiter reported to Shanxian Youpeng.

"Come in, please!" Shanxian Youtomo said.

Afterwards, Yamamoto Gonbei and Togo Heihachiro, led by the waiter, came to the living room.

"Master Yamagata, Master Oyama, please forgive me for visiting you beautifully!" said Gonbei Yamamoto.

"Yamamoto-kun, you are too polite." Yamagata Youtomo smiled.

After some pleasantries, their conversation also entered the topic.

"Master Shanxian, Lord Dashan. The combined fleet of the Imperial Navy suffered extremely heavy losses in the battle with the German expeditionary fleet. The Ministry of the Navy has drawn up a plan for the reconstruction of the combined fleet. However, this requires a large number of warships. From capital ships to cruisers, Destroyers are what we need urgently. The empire is originally an island country with a long and winding coastline. In addition, the country is small in size and lacks defense depth. Therefore, we need a powerful navy to protect our coastline. The current navy is undoubtedly It is not conducive to defending the empire." Yamamoto Gonbei said.

"Yamamoto-kun, I support the reconstruction of the joint fleet. The safety of the empire cannot be without a navy. If the empire wants to expand its living space outward, it needs a powerful navy!" said Yamagata Aritomo.

Gonbei Yamamoto and Heihachiro Togo breathed a sigh of relief when they heard that Yutomo Yamagata did this. What they fear most is that the army will forcibly obstruct the reconstruction of the navy. If that's the case, there's simply nothing the Navy can do. After all, the navy, which has suffered heavy losses, has no way to compete with the army. Now it seems that the big brothers of the army still understand the truth.

"Master Yamagata, the navy hopes to speed up the construction of the current 'Fuso-class' battleships, so that the navy can have two capital ships as soon as possible to consolidate coastal defense. In addition, the navy's next two 'Ise-class' battleships are designed. The work has been completed and we hope to start construction as soon as possible. Next, the Navy will plan to build a powerful battleship with a 410mm main gun so that it can fight the Germans. If possible, we will build at least 8 or so ships with 410mm A battleship with a 2.5mm main gun." Yamamoto Gonbei continued.

Shanxian Youpeng frowned, but still nodded.

Dashanyan glanced at Gonbei Yamamoto and Heihachiro Togo, but didn't say much.

As for Oka Ichinosuke, his face was very ugly. They are not fools. The navy's battleships burn a lot of money. Every battleship can be said to be piled up with money. In addition to the "Fuso-class" battleships that have already started construction, the navy has also added ten new capital ships. Eight of them are also powerful battleships equipped with 410mm main guns. In that case, how much money would it cost? If the supporting cruisers and destroyers are added, I am afraid that the entire 200 million US dollars will be given to the navy, which may not be enough.

"Yamamoto-kun, one bite is not enough to eat a big fat man. I can understand the eagerness of the navy to restore its strength. However, the meal must be eaten bite by bite, and the road must be taken step by step. It is too ambitious, that will not work!" A friend from Shan County said.

"Master Shanxian, I know that the navy's requirements are a bit too much. However, I can express my opinion. If these requirements of the navy can be met, the navy will fully support the expansion of the empire in the direction of Southeast Asia, Australia and India. If the navy is strong enough Only then can the army be able to reach these places safely. This is undoubtedly beneficial to the entire empire!" Gonbei Yamamoto continued.

Shanxian Youpeng and Dashanyan looked at each other, and they both nodded.

"Okay, Yamamoto-kun. The navy's request will be met. However, I hope the navy will not forget what I said today!" said Yamagata Aritomo.

"Hi, Yamagata-sama!" Gonbei Yamamoto nodded heavily.

After reaching an agreement with the army boss, there is no longer any obstacle to the large-scale shipbuilding plan of the island navy. As soon as the American loan arrives. They will then be able to start building new capital ships. As long as the funds are sufficient, it will not take long for the navy of the island country to restore its strength. Even stronger than their heyday!