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Chapter 81: Take office immediately (for collection)

"Your Highness, congratulations." When Qin Tian returned to his residence in Berlin, the Minister of the Navy, Marshal Count Tirpitz was still waiting here. It can be seen that he is very happy.

"Marshal, thank you for your help. Without your help, I would not be able to succeed." Qin Tian looked very humble.

"Your Highness, helping you is helping the German Empire Navy and the German Empire. I have always believed in this. I believe that you will become an outstanding monarch and lead the German Empire to win future wars." Tyr Marshal Earl Pitts is very confident in his vision.

"Your Excellency, Marshal, I will do my best to lead the German Empire to victory in future wars." Qin Tian said solemnly. Now that he has become the acting crown prince of Germany, he has no reason to preserve his power. His fate has been tied with Germany. If Germany loses the war, he will be worthless, and even lose his life. Therefore, for himself and for the German Empire, he must do his best in future wars.

Marshal Count Tirpitz nodded: "Your Highness, Your Majesty still wants to see you at such a late hour, has he decided to appoint you as the Crown Prince of the Empire?"

Qin Tian smiled helplessly, and then said: "Your Majesty has decided to appoint me as acting Crown Prince!"

"Acting Crown Prince?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz was also taken aback. He didn't expect William II to make such a decision. Since it was decided to make Qin Tian the crown prince, why did he add a code word in front? Wouldn't that cause Qin Tian's dissatisfaction?

"Yes, Acting Crown Prince. It can be said that my position as Crown Prince is only temporary. If Crown Prince William wakes up one day and I have not yet sat on the throne, the position of Crown Prince will be returned to Crown Prince William." Qin Tian looked helpless.

"What? How did this happen? How could Your Majesty issue such absurd orders? Why is there such a thing as returning the crown prince? Besides, you are more suitable to lead this empire than Crown Prince William. No, I have to ask Your Majesty, he Why did you make such a decision?" Marshal Earl Tirpitz looked resentful.

"Your Excellency Marshal, thank you for your support. However, since His Majesty has already made such a decision, with his character, it is undoubtedly unchangeable. If you insist on bringing it up, it will only have the opposite effect. Yes." Qin Tian stopped Count Tirpitz and Marshal.

Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, of course he knew the character of William II very well: "Your Highness, this is too unfair to you!"

"Fair? There is no so-called fairness or unfairness in this world. The only thing I can do is to make some achievements in the position of crown prince, so as to gain everyone's and His Majesty's approval." Qin Tian said.

"Your Highness, it would be best if you can think this way. No matter what, the navy will stand by your side and will always support you." Marshal Earl Tirpitz said happily. He was also worried that Qin Tian would be dissatisfied with this and would do something wrong because of it.

"Thank you, Marshal! I guarantee that the Imperial German Navy will become the most powerful navy in the world. In the future, it will definitely defeat the Germans." Qin Tian said solemnly. After becoming the crown prince, he has greater power to promote new equipment in the navy. Submarines and aircraft carriers, these will become the focus of his promotion

in the next stage. In this way, after the outbreak of the war, the German Navy will not only have a powerful and advanced surface fleet, but also have a first-class underwater submarine force and aviation force. This will give the German Navy a greater chance of winning in future wars.

"Your Highness, I told you that you will definitely be able to do it." Marshal Earl Tirpitz nodded, he didn't think Qin Tian was talking nonsense. Qin Tian has been creating miracles all along. He believed that Qin Tian would be able to keep his word this time.

Marshal Count Tirpitz left soon, but Qin Tian didn't go to bed for a long time. Although, William II just appointed him as the current crown prince, the word "generation" will cause him great constraints. But Qin Tian was still very excited. He jumped from an ordinary prince to the acting crown prince with the right to inherit the throne. Once Wilhelm II died, he could immediately succeed to the throne and become Emperor of Germany. As for Crown Prince William, who has become a vegetative state, it is not so easy to wake up. After all, the awakening of a vegetative person can be called a medical miracle.

Became the acting crown prince, which meant that the burden on Qin Tian's shoulders was even heavier. The fate of him and the German Empire has been tightly bound together. Whether it is for himself or for the German Empire, he needs to do his best so that he can win in future wars. Otherwise, not only Germany would have no future, but he himself would have no future.

The next day, that is, December 27, Kaiser Wilhelm II issued an edict, in view of the serious injury of Crown Prince William, who was unable to perform the duties of Crown Prince, and appointed Qin Tian as the acting Crown Prince of the German Empire.

Although, it is only acting crown prince. But in the upper class of Germany, it still caused an uproar. Those lower class people don't care much about it. What they care about is how to fill their stomachs. As for who will be

the crown prince, it has nothing to do with them. Even, there are quite a few low-level people who support Qin Tian to become the crown prince. Over the years, Deutsche Welfare Lottery has been committed to social welfare and improving people's livelihood, which has benefited many people. In this regard, they are naturally willing to support Qin Tian.

In the upper class, there are many people who think that Qin Tian is suitable to become the crown prince of the empire. After all, Qin Tian's outstanding talent cannot be questioned. Another group of people are opposed. They cling to the law of succession to the throne and believe that the appointment of William II is illegal. It's just that William II strongly promoted this order, and those people's objections were ignored.

Inside the royal family, opposition voices have always existed. The happiest jumping around were undoubtedly Qin Tian's other three older brothers. In particular, Prince Ethel Friedrich, who was the second prince, strongly opposed Qin Tian being crown prince. After Crown Prince William's accident, he was eagerly waiting for his successor to become Crown Prince. But he didn't expect that he would be cut off by Qin Tian, which naturally made him unacceptable.

It's just that these princes had to be honest after being severely reprimanded by William II. And Qin Tian officially became the Crown Prince of the German Empire.

Chapter 82: Triple Entente

Qin Tian succeeded as the acting crown prince of the German Empire, which also caused quite a stir internationally. After all, Germany is one of the most powerful countries in the world, and the change of Germany's heir to the throne is undoubtedly worthy of attention for other countries. Many countries will even adjust their strategies towards Germany because of this, so that they can deal with it calmly in future international exchanges.

Compared to Crown Prince William, Qin Tian has never been reused before. However, Qin Tian's talent in business has made people have to face it squarely. Now, Qin Tian has become the crown prince of Germany, which makes them have to pay more attention to Qin Tian. After all, as the crown prince, Qin Tian has a huge voice and influence in the country's internal and external affairs.

Britain, Downing Street Prime Minister's Office, British Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell Benavan, Chancellor of the Exchequer Herbert Henry Asquith and Foreign Minister Sir Edward Gray are talking about Qin Tian's becoming the Crown Prince of Germany.

"Gentlemen, Germany has changed its crown prince. Is this a good thing or a bad thing for us?" Sir Benavan asked.

"Your Excellency, I have to admit that Crown Prince William is probably the saddest person in the world. He fell off his horse at such a juncture and fell into a vegetable state. However, compared to Crown Prince William, the newly appointed Crown Prince Oscar is obviously more Difficult to deal with. Crown Prince William is a man of great ambition and talent, but Crown Prince Oscar is different. His business operations are classic. If he is equally good at politics, then we will face a very difficult opponent ' said Asquith.

Sir Benavan nodded. As Germany's old opponent, they spared no effort in collecting intelligence from Germany. Naturally, he also knows the high-level people in Germany very well. Judging from the information they have now, Qin Tian is obviously more difficult to deal with than Crown Prince William.

"Your Excellency, the contradiction between us and the Germans is getting bigger and bigger. I can even assert that war will be inevitable. In order to ensure the interests of the British Empire, the only thing we can do is to

prepare for war , to crush the Germans in the middle of the war, and crush their ambitions to replace us," said Sir Edward Gray.

Although, Sir Benarvin also knew this. However, he also knows that once a war breaks out, unless they can win the war in the shortest possible time. Otherwise, there will be no winners in this war. The loser will lose everything, but the winner will also deplete the wealth of the country, and the future will be difficult. Therefore, no matter how you look at it, this is a lose-lose result.

"Is it possible to influence Germany's foreign policy through Germany's newly appointed crown prince. For example, let the Germans give up challenging us. For this, we can even pay certain benefits. In this case, it is the best for us. A good result," said Sir Benavan.

Asquith and Sir Edward Gray couldn't help shaking their heads. They both thought that Sir Benawen's idea was too naive.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, this is almost impossible. Unless God can come. Otherwise, it is impossible to make the Germans bow their heads. Over the years, the Germans have been working hard to prepare to challenge us. Since they spared no effort It can be seen from the development of the navy. As long as the Germans do not give up their extravagant hope of challenging the British Empire, there will be no peace between us and them." Sir Edward Gray said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister. Until now, we must recognize reality and give up illusions. There is only one war between us and the Germans. Only by defeating the Germans can our colonial system be stabilized, and the hegemony of the British Empire will also be Only then can it be maintained for a long time." Asquith said.

Prime Minister Bannavin nodded helplessly, even though he believed that there would be no winners in the war. But judging from the current

situation, everyone regards war as the only way to solve the current dispute. They all want to defeat their opponents in the war, so as to completely solve their opponents once and for all.

"Hey! Now that the matter has come to this point, let's make all the preparations as possible! Once the war starts, the British Empire must win. And it must be won at the lowest cost. Otherwise, the hegemony of the British Empire will be extremely difficult. It may end because of this. Such a result is absolutely not acceptable to us. We cannot become sinners of the British Empire because of this." Sir Benavan said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Both Asquith and Sir Edward Gray nodded repeatedly.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, we are stepping up liaison with the Russians. If we can reach an agreement with the Russians, then our encirclement circle against the Germans and their allies will be formally formed. This will give us greater control in the war odds." Sir Edward Gray smiled.

Using the power of other countries to besiege the strongest country on the European continent has always been the usual strategy of the British, and they are also good at it. For hundreds of years, they have played with great proficiency. This was the case with the previous French Empire, which was besieged by the British with a group of countries. And now, it was the turn of the German Empire again.

"Very well, we can properly give some benefits to the Russians. Everything is to defeat the Germans as the first goal. As long as the Germans are defeated, everything else is not a problem." Sir Benavan said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the Prime Minister." Sir Edward Gray nodded.

In January 1907, after Qin Tian became the crown prince of the German Empire, the "Nassau-class" battleship built by the German shipyard began to be fitted out, which was regarded as a congratulatory gift for his succession.

Two months later, the German Navy's second-level dreadnought ship, the "Witchersbach-class" battleship, started construction in five shipyards.

In June, the "Blücher-class" battlecruiser that Deutschland Shipyard started to build was launched and outfitted, which made the strength of the German Navy begin to leap.

While the strength of the German navy continued to improve, the British did not sit idle. They actively carried out the siege of Germany, and achieved remarkable results.

On August 31, 1907, Russian Foreign Minister Izvolsky and British Ambassador to Russia Nicholson signed an agreement to divide the colony in Petersburg. In this way, the dispute between Britain and Russia on the colonial issue was resolved, allowing the two countries to put aside their conflicts and come together to deal with Germany. The Triple Entente was formally formed.

Chapter 83: watch out for italians

Britain, France and Russia formed the Entente, although the only real military alliance was the Franco-Russian alliance formed between France and Russia. However, it is foreseeable that once the war breaks out, the British will definitely not sit idly by. Once France and Russia are defeated by the Allies, the British will not be able to survive alone. At that time, they can only compromise with the Allies, or they may be destroyed.

So, once the war breaks out, it will evolve into a large-scale war between the Allied Powers and the Allied Powers, which seems to be irreversible. A large-scale war seems to be brewing. The end of peace seems to be getting closer.

The establishment of the Allied Powers also formed two opposing military and political groups in the world, making the situation in Europe and the entire world even more turbulent.

As the leader of the Allied Powers, Germany naturally bears the brunt of the impact on the establishment of the Allied Powers. Everyone knows that the war seems to be one step closer to them.

William II held an emergency meeting in the imperial palace. The military and political officials of the empire, as well as Qin Tian, who had become the crown prince of the empire, all attended this meeting.

As soon as he walked into William II's office, Qin Tian felt a dignified atmosphere. All the ministers had worried expressions on their faces. Everyone has some concerns about the current international situation.

After everyone is here, the imperial meeting officially begins. William II glanced at everyone, and then said: "Gentlemen, the British and the Russians have already hooked up. In addition to the previous agreement between the British and the French, as well as the fact that France and the Russians, which belonged to the military alliance Russia. This has led to the formation of a military alliance between Britain, France and Russia, a military alliance aimed at the empire. The current international situation has become more and more dangerous to the empire. What should the empire do to respond to the pressure of the enemy? "

Even though William II was stubborn and conceited. But this time, he also felt tremendous pressure. He has always had a slight illusion about the British, that is, even if there is a war, the British will not be involved in the war. But now it seems that as the British are getting closer and closer to France and Russia, the illusion in his heart has gradually been thrown away. After all, the British were about to put bayonets on his chest. Wouldn't he be too stupid if he continued to have illusions?

"Your Majesty, the alliance of Britain, France and Russia is something we have long expected. Although, this makes the international environment of the empire even worse. However, the empire has been making preparations for this. As long as the empire continues to grow stronger If we continue, we may not lose." Little Moqi spoke first. Even though Qin Tian has been the Crown Prince for more than half a year, he still has no chance to touch Maoqi. At least, under the circumstances that he could still gain the trust of William II, the position of Chief of General Staff, Little Maoqi, was still as stable as Mount Tai.

William II nodded, and then looked at the other ministers.

"Your Majesty, the alliance of Britain, France and Russia not only poses a major threat to the empire, but also poses a huge threat to the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy. I think that under the threat of the alliance of Britain, France and Russia, the alliance The country will be united more closely. And this, perhaps, is a good thing." Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said.

Although the Triple Alliance has been established for more than 20 years, there are conflicts among the three member states. In particular, the contradiction between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Kingdom of Italy made this military alliance exist in name only, and there was not much centripetal force at all. If the three member states can unite, even if they are not as good as Britain, France and Russia, the gap is quite limited. If there is a fight, the outcome will be very difficult to say.

"Father, I think we should be careful of the Kingdom of Italy. As we all know, the conflict between the Kingdom of Italy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire is very sharp. Although, the empire has been working hard to reconcile. However, if Britain, France and Russia offer Italy more If the conditions are good, the Italians will definitely betray us. Therefore, we have to guard against

this, so as not to be stabbed in the back by the Italians when the war breaks out." Qin Tian reminded. As a latecomer, he certainly knew how the Italians performed in World War I.

In another time and space, after the outbreak of World War I, the Italians tried every means to delay, refused to fulfill the obligations of the alliance, and had a good time between the Allies and the Entente. Waiting for the Allies and Entente to make an offer. In the end, the Allies seemed to have more to offer Italy. Therefore, the Italians immediately betrayed the Allies without hesitation, fell to the Allies, and went to war against Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

It's just that the performance of the Italians in the war was really bad. Hundreds of thousands of people attacked the Austro-Hungarian Empire, although they won the initial victory. However, after Germany sent a part of the army to assist the Austro-Hungarian Empire, they were quickly blocked at the border, unable to advance a single step, and were even beaten by Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire with less victory and more defeat.

So, during the war, Italy was basically a pig teammate, who specially cheated his teammates.

"His Royal Highness, we have signed a covenant with the Italians. The covenant is sacred. The Italians should not easily tear up the covenant, right?" Foreign Minister von Kidren Wascht asked.

"The covenant is indeed sacred. However, there have never been true friends between countries, and some only have eternal interests. We and the Italians formed an alliance because of common interests. Once the Allies give The benefits are greater than what we offered, and the Italians will definitely betray us. I have no doubts about this!" Qin Tian said with a look of affirmation.

"His Royal Highness is right. There are no permanent friends between countries, only permanent interests!" Earl Tirpitz and Marshal Tirpitz agreed.

Even William II nodded repeatedly.

"What's more, everyone, I have also heard a saying that the biggest function of a covenant is to tear it up. It is almost impossible to rely on a covenant to bind the allies. Interests can only rely on eternal interests. Only then can the allies be united. There are common interests between the Empire and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, so the Austro-Hungarian Empire has always followed the lead of the Empire. But the Kingdom of Italy? Unfortunately, I really can't see this. On the contrary However, in the North African colonies, the Italians have a tacit understanding with Britain, France and Russia. But in the Adriatic Sea, the conflict with the Austro-Hungarian Empire is very obvious." Qin Tian continued.

Chapter 84: Prepare for battle with all your strength (for collection)

"Your Highness the Crown Prince doubts our allies based on his own personal conjectures. Isn't that a bit too arbitrary? At least for now, the Kingdom of Italy is still an ally of the Empire, and has not revealed any violation of the covenant. Therefore, doubting our allies like this Allies are wrong. If the news gets out, who would dare to form an alliance with the Empire in the future?" Little Maoqi's voice sounded.

After the last Lichu incident, the direct conflict between Xiao Maoqi and Qin Tian has become public. Although, both of them showed restraint. But in every imperial meeting, there will almost always be tit-for-tat remarks. Of course, most of the time it was Xiao Maoqi who was deliberately finding fault, but almost every time he was made ashamed and couldn't get down. If it wasn't for William II still trusting him, the position of chief of staff might have been replaced long ago.

Of course, William II may also be looking for an enemy for Qin Tian, to prevent Qin Tian from expanding too quickly in the political territory of the empire. Now, Qin Tian has obtained the full support of the navy. If there was no little Maoqi, the army would all fall to Qin Tian. In this case, even the emperor William II would pose a considerable threat. And William II naturally didn't want to see this happen.

"Whether the Italians will betray us, no one can say for sure, and no one is sure. But, at least I think this possibility is very high. If we don't prepare early, once such a situation happens, for the empire it will be a major threat. If we can prepare early, once the Italians really betray us, we will not be messed up. Of course, if our guess is proved wrong in the end, for the empire it won't do too much harm." Qin Tian explained calmly, as if he wasn't angry because of Xiao Maoqi's questioning.

Other ministers, including William II, nodded repeatedly after hearing Qin Tian's words. It is undoubtedly necessary to take precautions in advance.

Little Moltke wanted to continue to refute, but was stopped by William II.

"Okay, let's deal with this issue according to Oscar's opinion. We still have to do our best to fight for the Kingdom of Italy. After all, Italy is also a first-class power. If it can fulfill the covenant, it will be a huge benefit to the empire. Help. At the same time, we must be prepared. Once the Italians really betray us, they cannot be caught off guard." William II finally decided. After all, it is very necessary for Germany to be prepared. Even if the Kingdom of Italy is wrongly blamed, it will not have any impact on Germany.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" All the ministers replied.

"Your Majesty, if the worst scenario that His Royal Highness the Crown Prince said really happens, then the situation of the Empire will be even more difficult. I am afraid it will be difficult for us and the Austro-Hungarian Empire

to resist the siege of Britain, France, Russia and the Kingdom of Italy." In particular, although the Austro-Hungarian Empire can be regarded as a big country, its national strength is limited, and its military power is even weaker. During the war, the help it can provide to the empire may be very limited. In this case, the empire will be under tremendous pressure " Prime Minister Bernhard von Bülow said with a serious face.

William II's expression also became dignified. If that's the case, wouldn't it become a challenge to all European powers with the strength of Germany alone? No matter how arrogant William II was, he would not dare to boast of such a sea.

"Do you have any suggestions for this?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, since the situation is so unfavorable to us, can we find a way to avoid the outbreak of war?" Von Kidren Wacht suggested. Since there is no chance of winning the fight, let's not fight at all. In this way, the strength of the country can be preserved as much as possible.

William II shook his head: "The current situation is no longer decided by the empire. This war is already imminent and has to be waged. Even if the empire wants to avoid war, Britain, France, Russia and other countries will not Will agree. Of course, unless the empire agrees to the humiliating conditions they proposed, give up competing with them for hegemony, and give up challenging them. This is absolutely impossible for the empire to accept. The Germans would rather die in battle than live with it Live stealthily."

Suddenly, the atmosphere in the office became more dignified. Everyone can feel that a huge pressure is coming. For the current German Empire, there is no way out. Either fight desperately, even if the chances of winning are not great. Or just submit. However, it is obviously impossible for them to choose to submit. Therefore, there are only two paths left.

"Oscar, what do you think about this?" William II asked.

"Father, the current situation is indeed very unfavorable to us. However, if we can prepare as much as possible for this war, we may not have no chance of winning. The military power of the empire, at least no country can fight against the empire alone. Only by uniting can we fight against the empire. Therefore, if we prepare for the battle with all our strength from now on, we will definitely have a chance of winning." Qin Tian said.

"That's right, His Royal Highness is right. It's not the most pessimistic moment yet. Although our enemies are strong, our strength is definitely not weak. As long as we can, the army and navy are ready. Once we can defeat the enemy on the battlefield, and we still have a chance of victory!" said Wilhelm II.

As the emperor of the empire, he certainly cannot be discouraged. If even he, the emperor, gave up hope, then this battle would probably end before it even started.

"The Imperial Navy has been making full preparations for battle. Our 'Nassau-class' battleship will soon be completed. The outfitting of the 'Blücher-class' battlecruiser has also begun, and it is expected to be ready in the middle of next year. Completed. And our 'Helgoland-class' battleships have also started construction. These are more powerful main battleships than the British battleships. As long as we can continuously equip more new battleships, we will definitely not be inferior to the British Navy. In future decisive battles, as long as we can defeat the British Navy, the Empire will not be easily defeated!" Marshal Earl Tirpitz is full of confidence in the future war.

"The combat power of the Imperial Army has always been the best in the world. Even if Britain, France and Russia unite, they can't even try to defeat us!" Minister of War von Falkenhain looked proud.

Chapter 85: british shock

William II had a gratified smile on his face. Yes, although the enemies of the German Empire are very powerful, they have the most powerful army in the world and a navy that is undergoing rapid development. Even in the face of many powerful countries, future wars, they are not without chance of winning.

"Everyone can have confidence, that is naturally the best. I believe that God will bless the Germanic nation. In future wars, even if we face the siege of many powerful countries, we will be the ones who will win in the end. Yes!" said William II.

Qin Tian looked at everyone's performance and nodded secretly. Because of his efforts, the German Navy has embarked on a completely different development path. The capital ship, which is more powerful than the capital ship of the British Navy, is being launched and built rapidly. This will give the German navy the chance to catch up and even overtake the British navy. Even in terms of numbers, it may not be the opponent of the British Navy. However, the performance of a single ship can definitely crush the British Navy. In this case, once a future war breaks out, the German Navy still has a good chance of winning.

If the German Navy can defeat the British Navy and win the decisive battle at sea. So, will Germany be dragged to death by the Allied Powers like in history? I am afraid that such history will not repeat itself. As long as it can continuously obtain various materials needed for the war through overseas trade, Germany will be able to continue the war. Even if it ends up hurting both sides, it's better than losing. Besides, Qin Tian is working hard to save enough war materials for Germany before the outbreak of the war, so that Germany will not be in trouble in these aspects. Coupled with Qin Tian's plan to arm Germany with various new weapons to further enhance Germany's

military strength, Germany will have a greater chance of winning in future wars.

"It would be great if Germany could defeat the British navy at the beginning of the war, while at the same time inflicting heavy losses on the French on land. In that case, Germany would be able to spend a lot of money on Britain and France in a short period of time, and the rest of Russia and France Italy is nothing to worry about." Qin Tian thought secretly.

To change the fate of Germany's defeat in the First World War and win the war for Germany, this is Qin Tian's goal. He has been working hard for this all the time. Although, it is very difficult to achieve this goal. However, at least they are getting closer to this goal step by step. Qin Tian believed that as long as all his plans were successful before the war broke out, then Germany would definitely win the war in the future.

"Everyone, in the face of the alliance of Britain, France and Russia, the empire is powerless to stop it. The only thing we can do is to prepare for war and further strengthen our military power so that we can defeat our enemies with strong military power after the war breaks out. , to win the war. I believe that as long as we are united and work hard to achieve all this, future victories must belong to us." William II said confidently.

"Victory belongs to the German Empire, and the Empire must win!" The ministers are full of confidence in the future.

Deutsche Shipyard, although this shipyard has not been a large shipyard in the empire for a long time. However, it undertook the construction of most of the capital ships of the Imperial Navy. Four 'Nassau-class' battleships, the lead ship of the 'Helgoland-class' battleship 'Helgoland', and three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers. Among them, four "Nassau-class" battleships and three "Blücher-class" battlecruisers have already begun to launch into the water for outfitting. The "Nassau-class" battleship with the fastest construction progress

is expected to be completed by the end of this year and delivered to the German Navy. By then, the German Navy will also enter the era of dreadnoughts.

And Qin Tian is also preparing to start the construction of the capital ship of the next level after these berths are vacated and the workers are free. After the "Blücher-class" battlecruiser, the German Navy needs to have a more powerful battlecruiser. And, a new class of capital ships after the "Helgoland class" battleships.

These battleships, which are constantly under construction and launched into service, will become the backbone of the German Navy and a strong guarantee for the German Navy to defeat the British Navy.

The British Navy is also very concerned about the German Navy's shipbuilding plan. As early as the pre-dreadnought era, the German Navy started building a large number of battleships, which put great pressure on the British Navy. Although, the number of capital ships of the British Navy still has an absolute advantage. But no one can guarantee that as the German Navy builds capital ships faster and faster, it will quickly surpass the British Navy.

Fortunately, the service of the British Navy's "Dreadnought" made those old dreadnoughts all obsolete overnight. The advantage of the British navy, not only has not been reduced, but has begun to expand. It seems that the British Navy is once again ahead of the navies of all countries in the world, leading the development trend of the navy.

Just when the British thought they could sit back and relax, the German navy was still catching up. Moreover, on the new capital ship, it will continue to compete with the British Navy. Although the German Navy has not yet completed a new battleship, there are quite a few battleships under construction. Once it is put into service in batches, it will inevitably pose a greater threat to the British Navy.

In September 1907, a piece of intelligence was placed on the desk of Sir John Fisher, the Secretary of the Navy of the United Kingdom, with several photos attached to the intelligence. It can be clearly seen that there are several huge battleships undergoing outfitting, and even the main guns have been installed.

"God! Is this the new German battleship? The displacement is larger than that of the Imperial Navy's battleship. The caliber of the main gun is also 305mm. The three triple-mounted main guns are deployed along the central axis, which is undoubtedly a pioneering work, this layout seems to be better than the layout of the capital ships of the British Empire Navy. Could it be that they have solved the problem of the accuracy of the triple-mounted main guns? It is hard to imagine that such a design was actually made by the Germans. More importantly, it seems that their new capital ship will be completed and put into service soon." Sir John Fisher was shocked and sighed. As the head of the Royal Navy of the British Empire and the initiator of the dreadnought project, he is undoubtedly the person who leads the development of the world navy. But now, he is still shocked by the German Navy.

"Come on, prepare the car, I'm going to the Prime Minister's Office immediately!" Sir John Fisher ordered.

Chapter 86: Crisis in the Royal Navy

"Your Excellency, this is the information our intelligence personnel risked their lives to obtain. For this reason, we even lost two very outstanding intelligence personnel." Sir John Fisher, the British Secretary of the Navy, put the information on the British Prime Minister Benavan Sir's desk.

Sir Benavan put on his glasses and carefully looked at the information that the intelligence officers had exchanged their lives for. When he saw those photos, the expression on his face became serious.

"Sir Fisher, is this the new capital ship of the German Navy?" Sir Benavan asked.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister. This should be the German dreadnought ship. And, it looks like it should be completed soon. According to my experience, these battleships are already preparing for outfitting. It is estimated that by the end of this year Able to serve." Sir John Fisher looked serious.

"God! How is this possible? How can the Germans build faster than us? When we were building new battleships, we only started to build one. But they started so many ships in one go .Aren't they afraid that this will be a trap set by us?" Sir Benarvin looked shocked.

Britain only built one battleship "Dreadnought" at the beginning, and later began large-scale batch construction. Even so, the construction of the British Navy's Bellerophon-class battleship only started last year. If it is expected to enter service, it will have to wait until 1909. The follow-up "St. Vincent-class" battleship has not started at all. This also means that once the new battleships of the German Navy enter service, the British Navy will be at a disadvantage in terms of the number of new battleships. And this is a completely unacceptable result for the Royal Navy of the British Empire. In order to maintain the maritime hegemony of the British Empire and the world colonial system, they must ensure that they have the most powerful navy in the world.

"Your Excellency, it is hard to believe that the Germans will make such a determination. However, the facts are now in front of us, that is, the British Empire is already at a disadvantage in the competition for new capital ships." Sir John Fisher said With bitterness.

"What about the performance of the battleship? Can the performance of the German battleship be compared with our battleship?" Sir Benavan had a

look of expectation in his eyes, as if he didn't believe that the Royal Navy of the British Empire would be defeated.

Sir John Fisher hesitated for a moment, and then said: "Because there is no specific data on the battleships of the German Navy, it is still difficult to evaluate their specific performance. However, the only thing that is certain is that the German battleships have more The larger displacement of our battleships allows their battleships to have thicker armor and surpass us in terms of defense. However, this also makes their battleships inferior to ours in terms of speed. As for firepower , we have five twin-mounted 305mm main guns, while the Germans use three triple-mounted main guns. Although I don't know if the Germans have solved the problem of triple-mounted main guns. However, in terms of firepower, we should not will be inferior to them."

Sir John? Fisher, this is only by virtue of their own guesses. This made him make mistakes in his judgment. The "Nassau-class" capital ships of the German Navy did not have a lower speed than the British Navy's capital ships because of their larger displacement. On the contrary, after adopting oil-fired boilers and steam turbines, the "Nassau-class" battleships have a faster speed. In terms of speed, it is not inferior to the battleships of the British Navy at all, and even has a certain advantage.

In terms of firepower, all three triple-mounted main guns can fire to one side, which is one more than the British Navy can fire with up to four double-mounted 305mm guns. At the same time, the 50-caliber main gun used by the capital ships of the German Navy obviously has a stronger armor-piercing capability than the 45-caliber main gun of the British Navy. Once the war starts, if the capital ships of the two sides encounter each other in the naval battle, the British Navy will know that the main guns of the German Navy's capital ships are powerful.

Sir Benarvin's complexion couldn't help but become even uglier.

"God! It seems that from now on, the Royal Navy is in a great crisis. We must treat it with caution. Otherwise, the Royal Navy will face a disaster." Sir Benavan said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister, I completely agree with your point of view. Moreover, the situation may be more serious than we expected. The German capital ship is far more than that. In addition to those few battleships, our intelligence personnel also found The other three battleships being outfitted. Although the progress is behind the other battleships. But our intelligence personnel believe that the three battleships being outfitted should be battlecruisers, and our "Invincible" A battleship like a battlecruiser. The despicable Germans probably want to use this kind of battleship to attack our sea transportation line. This is undoubtedly an extremely sinister intention." Sir John Fisher said through gritted teeth.

The reason why Sir John Fisher advocated the construction of battlecruisers in the Royal Navy was that he hoped that this new type of warship could be comparable to cruisers in speed and not inferior to battleships in firepower, and could protect Britain's sea transportation lines. Originally, this was just a preventive plan. But I didn't expect it, but it really came in handy.

"Damn the Germans, they are indeed too despicable." Sir Benavan turned pale. He deeply knows that as an island country, once the sea transportation line is hit, what it means to the British Empire.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister, fortunately we have also built battlecruisers. Otherwise, we really have no way to deal with the German battlecruisers." Sir John Fisher also expressed his gratitude.

"Can our 'Invincible-class' battlecruisers be able to deal with German battlecruisers?" Sir Benavan asked.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, this may be difficult. It can be seen from the photos that the German battlecruisers are larger than our 'Invincible' battlecruisers. The larger displacement makes them have greater defense. In terms of speed, it may not be as good as ours. But it must not be underestimated. More importantly, the German battlecruisers are about to be completed. And our "Invincible" battlecruisers may have to wait until the end of next year or the beginning of the next year. It can be done," said Sir John Fisher.

"God! In other words, the Royal Navy of the British Empire is behind the Germans in terms of battleships and battlecruisers!" Sir Benavan exclaimed.

Chapter 87: Britain will not lose (for collection)

"Gentlemen, the British Empire is now in a crisis of life and death. Our main enemy Germany, in terms of navy, has achieved a comprehensive advantage over the Royal Navy of the British Empire. This will be fatal to us. Now , we must come up with practical measures to help the Royal Navy of the British Empire reverse the situation. Once war breaks out and the Royal Navy cannot defeat the German Navy in the war, it will be a disaster for the British Empire!" Banner Sir Wen said to all the cabinet members.

The ministers of the British cabinet all had serious expressions on their faces. They have also obtained relevant information and know the crisis that the Royal Navy is currently facing. They believed that Sir Benavan was not exaggerating at all. This time the German Navy challenged the Royal Navy, and the crisis caused to the Royal Navy is absolutely unprecedented.

"How did the German navy develop so quickly? It's like a big step forward. You know, in the pre-dreadnought era, although they started to catch up, they have been suppressed by us. ." The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Asquith, also looked very bad. He knows that under such circumstances, it is inevitable to add funds to the navy so that the navy can build more warships and ensure

that the Royal Navy has an advantage in the competition. However, the financial pressure on the UK is also great now. If more military expenditures are provided to the navy, it will inevitably cause further expansion of the fiscal deficit.

"No one knows this. However, those German capital ships that are being outfitted and are about to be completed cannot be fooled. Faced with the aggressive pressure of the Germans, we have no other choice. We must start building more capital ships to suppress the German challenge to us," said Sir John Fisher.

"Everyone, do you have any objections to Sir Fisher's request?" Sir Benavon looked at the ministers.

On this issue, naturally no ministers would raise objections. After all, this is a matter of life and death for the British Empire. The navy is the foundation of the British Empire. Without a powerful navy, the collapse of the British Empire is imminent. Therefore, even if they are throwing pots and selling iron, they must ensure the advantage of the navy. This is a matter of principle, and absolutely no problems are allowed.

"Very well, since everyone has no objection, then the Ministry of Finance should prepare a special appropriation for the Navy." Sir Benavon said.

"Okay, Your Excellency the Prime Minister. But what about the Parliament?" Asquith asked.

Britain is a country with a constitutional monarchy. Although the power of the prime minister is great, it is not unrestricted. Many decisions need to be supervised by the parliament. Especially in terms of financial appropriation, it is necessary to obtain the consent of the parliament.

"As for the parliament, I will communicate with them. I believe that at the moment when the British Empire is facing a crisis of life and death, no one will hold back." Sir Benavan said.

Subsequently, Sir Benarvin looked at Sir John Fisher.

"Sir Fisher, the cabinet will fully support the Navy in terms of funds. However, the Royal Navy must ensure its advantage over the Germans. Only in this way will our interests not be harmed." Sir Benavan said.

"Your Excellency, please rest assured that the Navy already has a specific plan. I will ask the shipyard to speed up the construction progress of the 'Belle Luofeng-class' battleship and the 'Invincible-class' battlecruiser. In addition, the 'Saint Vincent-class' battleship and The Indefatigable-class battlecruiser will also start construction as soon as possible to ensure that we continue to have an advantage in terms of dreadnoughts," Sir Fisher said.

"Your Excellency, will the Royal Navy's superiority be ensured by building these occupations? According to the navy's shipbuilding plan we have seen, all of these warships have been completed, and there are only 13 of them. And the known German Navy's is about to be completed. There are seven new battleships. I believe that there must be many newer battleships under construction in their shipyards." Sir Edward Gray, the foreign secretary, said.

Any fool knows that first-class battleships will not be built too many ships. Now that the German Navy's new battleship is about to be completed, it is certain that construction of a newer battleship is about to start, or has already started.

"The question raised by His Excellency the Foreign Secretary is very good. According to the usual practice, it is indeed the case. We also guess that the Germans are building newer warships in their shipyards, which deserves our vigilance. The newer warships of the Royal Navy The battleship is under

design. However, now we have encountered a technical bottleneck. The development of our 13-inch main gun is not progressing smoothly. Therefore, it has been delayed to start construction." Sir Fisher said.

The British Navy has always pursued the speed and firepower of warships, and despised defense. The most effective way to enhance the firepower of a warship is undoubtedly to use a large-caliber main gun. After moving the new 305mm main gun to the dreadnought, the British Navy began research on a larger caliber main gun. However, the development of large-caliber main guns is not so easy. Many technical difficulties need to be overcome. Therefore, so far, the Royal Navy has not succeeded in the new 343mm main gun.

"Will the Germans come ahead of us in this regard?" Sir Benavan was worried about this.

"It's unlikely. But it's not certain. After all, the Germans' artillery technology is no worse than ours. If they invest a lot of money in research and development, they may be able to develop a large-caliber main gun before us." Fei said Sir Scheer.

"No matter what, the Royal Navy can no longer lag behind the Germans. Sir Fisher, you need to find a way to ensure the advantage of the Royal Navy!" Sir Benavan made a request. Now, he only cares about the result and doesn't care about the process at all.

"Yes, Your Excellency Prime Minister. We will speed up the development of large-caliber main guns. And, before the large-caliber main guns are put into use, we will build one or two more battleships to ensure that we have an absolute advantage in numbers." John Fisher said Sir Al.

Anyway, Britain does not need to invest huge sums of money to build an overly powerful army, which allows them to concentrate their financial

resources on building a navy. After receiving the support of the cabinet, the Royal Navy will not lack funds for shipbuilding. They only need to place an order with the shipyard according to the shipbuilding plan. Soon, new battleships will join the Royal Navy one after another, allowing the Royal Navy to regain its advantage in the competition.

Sir Benavan and others believe that in the naval competition, the Royal Navy will never lose.

Chapter 88: naval arms race

"Gentlemen, I have received the authorization from the cabinet. Now that the Germans have overtaken us in terms of new battleships, the Royal Navy must speed up the construction of new battleships, catch up and regain the advantage over the German navy. " At the Naval Conference, Sir John Fisher was in high spirits.

The full support of the cabinet made him no longer have to worry about the shortage of military expenditures. Huge financial allocations allowed the Royal Navy to quickly build the battleships they wanted.

"Your Excellency, although we can speed up the construction of warships. However, the 343mm main gun has not yet made breakthrough progress. Therefore, the construction of the next-level battleship may still be unable to start." A British admiral Said.

"It doesn't matter, we can complete the design first. I believe that the arsenal will soon be able to make a breakthrough. The technological accumulation and heritage of the British Empire will not be inferior to the Germans." John? Sir Fisher is full of confidence in his own technological level.

Yes, the current British Empire is not the United Kingdom that clings to the thigh of the American emperor in later generations, but a superpower that dominates the world. Their technological level is also ahead of the world. In the eyes of these European powers, the current U.S. emperor is nothing more

than a sudden rise of nouveau riche. Although the industrial strength is very strong, but there is no technical content. In terms of high technology, especially military technology, there is undoubtedly a big gap compared with European powers.

"Yes, sir." The admiral nodded.

"Your Excellency, if the 'Bellerophon-class' battleship speeds up, it is expected to be completed by the middle of next year. Can the next-level 'Saint Vincent-class' battleship be built now?" A navy department is in charge of shipbuilding asked the official.

Sir John Fisher hesitated for a moment, then nodded: "Let's start the construction of the 'St. Vincent-class' battleship immediately. Once the design of the follow-up battleship is completed, the construction will start immediately. Now, we need the fastest Speed to enrich the Royal Navy, and strive to have a powerful fleet composed of dreadnoughts in the shortest possible time."

Although, Sir John Fisher can judge from the information obtained that the new battleships that the German Navy is about to serve are stronger than their "Dreadnought" battleships, and even the "Bellerophon-class" battleships under construction cannot keep up. Even the follow-up "Saint Vincent-class" battleship is probably not its opponent. But now the Royal Navy has no other choice. Under the constraints of technical bottlenecks, it is almost impossible for them to launch a more powerful new battleship. Only those battleships that made minor improvements to the battleship 'Dreadnought' could be built. Strive to form an overwhelming advantage over the German Navy in terms of the number of new battleships. In this case, the Royal Navy can also gain an advantage in naval competitions.

This also allowed the British Navy to build four classes of nine battleships in a row on the basis of the battleship "Dreadnought", namely three "Belle Luofeng class" battleships, three "Saint Vincent class" battleships, and one "Neptune

class" battleship. ' battleship and two 'Giant class' battleships. Adding the three "Invincible-class" battlecruisers and three "Indefatigable-class" battlecruisers, the Royal Navy has a total of 15 new capital ships.

Of course, these are battleships with a displacement of about 20,000 tons and equipped with 305mm main guns. Compared with the battleships with strong defenses of the German Navy, these battleships of the British Navy are undoubtedly capital ships with thin skin and big stuffing. Once a war starts, it will be very common to be blown up in a naval battle.

When the British Navy accelerated the construction of new warships, other countries were also affected. Although, the current British Empire is still a well-deserved maritime hegemony. But other countries, more or less, have their own ideas about sea power. Although there is no way to compete with the British Empire, you must be able to protect your own overseas interests! Otherwise, how can the overseas colonies be kept? Therefore, all countries have also strengthened the construction of the navy one after another, and launched new battleships one after another.

The United States on the other side of the ocean gave up the construction of the former dreadnought ship and began to build the dreadnought ship. However, because of the gap between technology and Europe, the U.S. Navy chose the strategy of emphasizing firepower and defense and giving up the speed of the turtle warship. Moreover, only two capital ships of each level were built, trying to use small steps to make breakthroughs in new battleships.

From the "South Carolina-class" battleships to the subsequent "Delaware-class" battleships, "Florida-class" battleships, and "Wyoming-class" battleships, the U.S. Navy will start building two new battleships every year. Starting from the later "New York-class" battleships, the caliber of the main

guns has been increased from 305 mm to 356 mm. It can be seen that the Americans have ambitions in sea power.

After becoming the largest industrial country in the world, the ambitions of Americans have also increased. They hope to have a higher status on the international stage. It would be great if it could take advantage of the trend to replace Britain and become the world's hegemon. Of course, Americans also know that this is very difficult. So they are accumulating their own strength little by little, waiting for changes in the world pattern.

France, as a traditional power in Europe, is also a naval power. Hundreds of years ago, it was even the main challenger of the British Empire's maritime supremacy. After countries have entered the era of dreadnoughts one after another, the French are naturally not far behind.

Although, France's biggest enemy now is Germany from land. However, France, which has vast colonies overseas, still gritted its teeth and began to design their "Danton-class" battleships. Moreover, the construction of six battleships of this class started at one time. It's just that France always needs to put its main force on land to ensure that the army can withstand the German attack. Therefore, the investment in the ocean naturally cannot be compared with other countries. Although the French were not reconciled, they had no choice but to withdraw from the first echelon of sea power.

Italy and Austria-Hungary, as members of the Allied Powers, allies of Germany. When the Allied Powers began to build dreadnoughts one after another, they were not far behind. The design of the battleship 'Dante' equipped with 12 305mm main guns for the Italian Navy began. The Austro-Hungarian Empire was also not far behind, and began designing a "United Force-class" battleship equipped with four triple-mounted 305mm main guns.

Chapter 89: enlisted

November 18, 1907, Deutsches Werft in Danzig. The entire factory area has been put under martial law. Even workers entering the factory area to work have to go through layers of inspections. Although, the procedure is a bit cumbersome. However, the workers don't care. They know that today is a very important day for Deutsche Shipyard.

Today is the day when the lead ship of the "Nassau-class" battleship they built, the "Nassau" battleship, completed sea trials and was ready to be delivered to the Navy. It is also from this day that the German Navy will bid farewell to the days without dreadnoughts. The German Navy will officially enter the era of dreadnoughts.

Kaiser Wilhelm II and Crown Prince Qin Tian will personally come from Berlin to attend the commissioning ceremony of the battleship Nassau. Minister of the Navy Marshal Earl Tirpitz, Chief of Naval Staff Marshal von Pohl, Commander of the High Seas Fleet Prince Heinrich, Naval Cabinet Chief General Muller, and a group of experts from the Naval Technical Committee will all attend this event ceremony. Although, for these experts of the Naval Technical Committee, the service of the "Nassau-class" battleship is undoubtedly another slap in the face for them. However, they have nothing to do. Who made them blind in the first place? Even though his face was already swollen, he still had to take the initiative to move forward!

Chief of General Staff Mao Qi, Deputy Chief of General Staff General Waldsee, and Minister of War von Falkenhain also attended this ceremony. Although, the commissioning of the battleship "Nassau" is a grand event for the navy. But this is also of great benefit to strengthening the military power of the German Navy. Future wars will not only be won by the army alone. The power of the navy cannot be ignored either. Even to some extent, it will play a decisive role.

There is another reason, that is, both William II and Crown Prince Qin Tian attach great importance to the navy. Others, therefore, must give the navy face.

"Cheer up your spirits. You must not embarrass His Highness the Crown Prince. The security work must be done well, and there must be no problems at all. Otherwise, we will not be able to walk around." Proud Work Shipyard Brutt, the general manager, was very excited despite being very tired. He knew that this day was a very important day for Deutsche Shipyard, and it was also a day where problems could not arise. Otherwise, Qin Tian, who has become the crown prince, will have a bad face, and it will also be a blow to Deutschland Shipyard, which is on the rise. The other shipyards are very jealous that Deutsche Shipyard has won so many large orders.

"Yes, general manager." The other shipyard staff also looked excited.

Soon, everyone who participated in the ceremony arrived at the dock of the shipyard by car. The battleship 'Nassau', which has completed sea trials, is quietly moored there. The huge hull floats on the sea like a hill.

"It's really spectacular! Such a powerful warship is exactly what the German Empire Navy needs. I can't wait to watch this huge ship fight the British navy on the sea." Wilhelm II stood at the pier. Going up, looking at the battleship 'Nassau' in front of me, I couldn't help sighing.

"Your Majesty, once we have a decisive battle with the British, I guarantee that our warships will be able to gain an overwhelming advantage. At least from the current intelligence, whether the British have been built, or are under construction, or are even under construction. None of the battleships to be built are the opponents of our 'Nassau-class' battleships. Not to mention, our 'Helgoland-class' battleships are also under construction. In the competition of new battleships, we have surpassed. We have defeated the British and gained an advantage." Marshal Earl Tirpitz looked excited.

As the head of the German Navy, there is probably nothing that makes him happier than watching powerful battleships enter service.

"Yes, we have surpassed the British. In the future, we will further surpass them. Until they dare not be hostile to us!" William II said excitedly.

The battleship "Nassau" in front of him brought great confidence to William II, making him once again confident in building a powerful navy to make the British bow their heads, so that they dare not intervene in the war on the European continent. It can be seen from this that William II still has a little fantasy about Britain in his heart. He hoped that the British could see the strength of Germany, so that the British would voluntarily give up confrontation with Germany. However, such an idea is really naive.

Whether it is Qin Tian or Earl Tirpitz Marshal, these words of William II are automatically filtered. They believed that it was impossible for the British to voluntarily give up their maritime hegemony. Therefore, the possibility of making the British bow their heads is almost zero. Facing the challenge of the German navy, the only thing Britain can do is to strengthen the construction of the navy as much as possible, and further maintain its advantage over the German navy.

Therefore, it is very difficult for the German Navy to really surpass the United Kingdom. Britain's heritage in shipbuilding is unmatched by other countries. They have a large number of shipyards and skilled workers, and can build a large number of battleships in a very short period of time. This is simply impossible for any country to do.

The German navy must be prepared to defeat the British navy in naval battles in the event of a war in the future. And this is also the belief that Qin Tian and Marshal Earl Tirpitz have always upheld. As for forcing the British to bow their heads and win without a fight, this is a delusion they never had.

The experts of the Naval Technical Committee looked at the huge "Nassau-class" battleship with shame and anger. When the "Nassau-class" battleship was undergoing sea trials, the Naval Technical Committee sent experts to board the ship to conduct inspections in person, in order to find faults and save their face. However, although the 'Nassau-class' battleship has some minor problems, these are not serious problems, and will not have any impact on the performance and combat effectiveness of the battleship. Therefore, the Naval Technical Committee finally had to admit that the "Nassau-class" battleship is indeed a very powerful battleship.

At 10 am, the enlistment ceremony officially began. William II delivered a speech at the beginning of the ceremony.

"Gentlemen, welcome to the commissioning ceremony of the battleship 'Nassau'. This is the first dreadnought ship of the German Imperial Navy, which symbolizes a new starting point for the German Navy..."

Chapter 90: Crazy suggestion (ask for collection)

William II's speech was very inspiring. At least, after everyone listened to his speech, everyone was full of confidence in the future of the German Navy and the German Empire. Although the enemy is still very strong, they believe that the future victory will definitely belong to the German Empire.

Subsequently, Qin Tian, on behalf of the German shipyard, officially delivered the battleship 'Nassau' to the German Navy. Marshal Count Tirpitz presented the flag of the battleship "Nassau" and appointed the first captain. From now on, the battleship "Nassau" has become the capital ship of the German Navy.

Next, the people participating in the ceremony boarded the battleship 'Nassau' through the gangway and visited this mighty battleship. For the vast majority of people, there is little opportunity to touch battleships. Especially the navy's most cutting-edge battleship. Everyone is very fresh about everything

on the ship. In particular, the three huge triple-mounted 305mm main guns are even more amazing.

"Oscar, when will the other three Nassau-class battleships be available for service?" William II asked.

"Father, the other three 'Nassau-class' battleships are all undergoing sea trials, and they are expected to be commissioned by the end of this month, before Christmas at the latest." Qin Tian replied. He has always been very concerned about these capital ships built by the German shipyard.

"Very well, although the expansion time of the Deutsche Shipyard was very short. However, the performance is very satisfactory to me. Even the construction efficiency of those large shipyards is estimated to be no more than this." William II nodded in satisfaction.

"Father, this is because we have the most hardworking workers in Germany and an excellent general manager." Qin Tian smiled. Of course, he knew in his heart that one of the reasons why Deutsche Shipyard was able to perform so well was to dig a large number of technical backbones from other shipyards. Otherwise, how could the Deutsche Shipyard, which has just completed its expansion, have such a high efficiency!

"Mr. Brut, you are very good. The contribution you made to the German Empire will not be forgotten by the Empire." William II said to Brut with a pleasant face.

"Your Majesty, Your Majesty, this is what I should do." Brut was so excited that he couldn't help himself. As an ordinary person, the emperor's approval is undoubtedly an extremely noble honor for him.

William II nodded and said nothing more.

"By the way, Oscar, where is our 'Blücher-class' battlecruiser? When will it enter service?" William II asked. He remembered that in addition to the

"Nassau class" battlecruiser, there was another battlecruiser, which was also a battlecruiser of the German Navy.

"Father, the construction progress of the 'Blücher-class' battlecruiser is a bit slower, and it is estimated that it will not be able to complete sea trials and join the navy until the middle of next year." Qin Tian explained.

"Your Majesty, this kind of construction progress is already very fast. By the middle of next year, we will have four 'Nassau-class' battleships and three 'Blücher-class' battlecruisers. These are the first A first-class capital ship. The strength of the German navy will be raised to a higher level." Marshal Earl Tirpitz was very happy.

"What about our enemy, the British? How many dreadnoughts do they have by the middle of next year?" William II asked.

"Your Majesty, according to the information we have received, the British' Bellerophon-class battleship should be completed in the middle of next year. Their 'Invincible-class' battlecruiser is estimated to be completed by then. After all, in our Under the persecution of the British, the British are already desperately speeding up the construction." Marshal Earl Tirpitz smiled. It is undoubtedly an honor for the German Navy to be able to force the world's No. 1 Royal Navy to frantically speed up shipbuilding as if facing a formidable enemy.

"Are they all four battleships and three battlecruisers?" William II frowned.

"Yes, Father. However, even if the number of new battleships on both sides is the same, our capital ships are completely capable of crushing British warships of the same level in terms of performance. The British have a deeper shipbuilding background than us. , and under the influence of stronger financial resources, it is unrealistic for us to compete with the British in the

number of capital ships. Therefore, we must be prepared to have fewer capital ships than the British." Qin Tian Then he said.

King William II nodded. Although he was a little bit unwilling, he knew that this was the reality. The British have a vast colony to collect wealth, and at the same time they don't need to spend money to build a powerful army, which allows them to concentrate their financial resources to develop the navy. In this regard, Germany has always been unable to compare with the United Kingdom. Therefore, it is very difficult for the German Navy to challenge the British Navy.

"Your Majesty, although the British have more capital ships than us, they need global deployment. But we only need to defend our homeland. Therefore, under certain circumstances, we will not be inferior to the British. " said Marshal Count Tirpitz.

Hearing the words of Marshal Earl Tirpitz, William II looked much better.

"Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, since our navy will be able to gain the upper hand in the middle of next year. So, if we go to war against the British in the middle of next year, will we be able to win?" Xiao Maoqi interjected.

"War next year?" Everyone was stunned, this is obviously an extremely crazy idea.

"Your Excellency, Chief of Staff, it is unrealistic to go to war next year. We are not ready at all. Besides, although we can have an advantage in the new capital ship, the British are still in the front of the dreadnought. It has an overwhelming advantage. There are more than 50 pre-dreadnought ships, and they are not vegetarians. Although the dreadnoughts are stronger than the former dreadnoughts, they can't be one against ten!" Qin Tian shook his head.

"We still need to continue to accumulate strength and go to war when we are ready." William II also suppressed the madness in his heart.

Little Maoqi shrugged and said nothing more.

Next, everyone visited the "Blücher-class" battlecruiser and the "Helgoland-class" battleship that are under construction. After lunch, head to the meeting room of the shipyard.

Today, besides inviting everyone to attend the commissioning ceremony of the battleship 'Nassau', Qin Tian also wants to sell the next level of capital ships to the navy, especially the follow-up of the 'Blücher-class' battlecruiser Ship type - 'Moltke-class' battlecruiser.