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The two "Blücher-class" battlecruisers were only sold for 89 million marks, which made Lieutenant General Hipper a little dissatisfied. After all, the cost of a battlecruiser is a little higher than that of a battleship of the same class. But those guys are only willing to pay such a small price, which makes Lieutenant General Hipper have no choice but to force them to pay a higher price.

However, Lieutenant General Hipper believes that the competition of those guys will definitely be more intense in the next battle for capital ships. After all, the capital ships to be auctioned next are all powerful capital ships equipped with 343mm main guns, and their performance is much stronger than those of the previous ones.

"General Anton House, let's do our best. We didn't capture any of the previous six capital ships. We will do our best for the next 12 ships!" Crown Prince Karl ordered.

The previous battleships and battlecruisers were all equipped with 305mm main guns. Crown Prince Karl didn't care much about this. If you can get a hand shot, it is naturally the best. Can't shoot, nothing. However, those battleships and battlecruisers equipped with 343mm main guns are different. He regarded these battleships as the main battleships to enhance the strength of the Austro-Hungarian Navy.

"Yes, Your Highness." Admiral Anton House nodded. After receiving clear instructions from Crown Prince Karl, he certainly knew what to do.

Other countries are also full of interest in the more powerful battleships to be auctioned next. It is foreseeable that this time the bidding will become more intense.

"The capital ship to be auctioned below is the 'Helgoland-class' battleship of the Imperial Navy. There are four battleships in this class, namely 'Helgoland' and 'Ostfriesland'. , 'Oldenburg' and 'East Prussia'." Hipper introduced the performance of the 'Helgoland-class' battleships.

"The starting bid for the 'Helgoland-class' battleship is 30 million marks. The auction for the first ship 'Helgoland' starts now!" Lieutenant General Hipper announced.

"Forty million marks!" Admiral Anton House, the commander of the Austro-Hungarian Navy, was the first to quote, directly raising the price by five million marks.

"Forty-two million marks!" The representative of the Republic of Chile quoted. Although they had captured two 'Nassau-class' battleships before, it was obviously not enough to gain an overwhelming advantage over Brazil and Argentina. Therefore, the Republic of Chile hopes to capture one or two more powerful battleships. As for funding, the Republic of Chile has nothing to worry about. Based on their relationship with Germany, it is enough to pay directly in installments or use resources to pay off the debt. Anyway, Chile is rich in resources.

"Bastard!" Crown Prince Karl cursed angrily, staring fiercely at the representative of the Republic of Chile.

His behavior frightened the representatives of the Republic of Chile. After all, the Austro-Hungarian Empire is a world-class power. If they are jealous, the problem will be serious.

However, Brazil and Argentina also made quotations, which further raised the price to 45 million marks.

"Forty-eight million marks!" Fatih Pasha of the Ottoman Turkish Empire followed suit. The two "Blücher-class" battlecruisers did not satisfy them. The Ottoman Empire clearly needed more and more powerful capital ships.

Crown Prince Karl didn't care about anything else, and quickly signaled Admiral Anton House to continue the offer.

"Fifty million marks!" Admiral Anton House continued to quote.

Lieutenant General Hipper was already happy. Although the price is not as good as the construction cost, it is already very good. What's more, those guys seem to continue to bid, which means that the price will rise further.

"Fifty-two million marks!" Fatih Pasha continued to quote.

"Fifty-five million marks!" The representative of the Republic of Chile also quoted.

"Damn it!" Crown Prince Karl was so angry that he almost gritted his teeth!

"Fifty-eight million marks!" Admiral Anton House continued to quote after receiving the order.

"Sixty million marks!" Fatih Pasha thought for a while, and made another offer.

"Sixty-five million marks!" The representative of the Republic of Chile also quoted again. Of course, this is the last time they quote, and if the price continues to rise, they will no longer quote.

Crown Prince Karl finally signaled Admiral Anton House to give up. He did not believe that the Republic of Chile had the financial resources to continue bidding for the following warships. In this way, they will be less stressed.

As for Brazil and Argentina, they can only watch the Chileans take such a powerful battleship into their pockets. They simply don't have enough financial resources to fight against the Chileans.

In the end, the battleship 'Helgoland' was bought by the Republic of Chile at a price of 65 million marks.

Lieutenant General Hipper was already happy. You must know that the cost of the "Helgoland-class" battleship is only 60 million marks. Selling the old battleship now has earned five million marks instead. This business is really a bargain.

The next auction for the battleship "Ostfriesland" was also very fierce, not because of anything else, but because the Republic of Chile once again vigorously joined the auction. You know, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Ottoman Turkish Empire are considered big countries, and the Republic of Chile is just a small country. Competing with two big countries requires not only strong financial resources, but also enough courage.

As for the representatives of Brazil and Argentina, their faces are already green. The Republic of Chile has photographed powerful warships one after another, which will give the Chilean Navy an

overwhelming advantage! At that time, even if the two countries are united, I am afraid that they will not be the opponents of the Republic of Chile.

After all, Chile's geographical location is very good, and only a small amount of troops are needed to guard the main roads in the mountains to keep the enemy out of the country. Then relying on a powerful navy to attack the enemy's coastal cities is enough to defeat the enemy. Therefore, the Republic of Chile attaches great importance to the development of the navy.

This time, they are also determined to buy more warships and strengthen their naval strength in one fell swoop.

Under the competition of the three parties, the battleship "Ostfriesland" was auctioned at a price of 67 million marks. The country that was photographed was the Ottoman Turkish Empire. This is already the third warship they have harvested in this auction. The naval strength of the Ottoman Turkish Empire will also become stronger as a result. In the entire Mediterranean, it is already a powerful navy second only to Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.