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"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Perhaps in order to get ahead, the Austro-Hungarian Navy opened fire first. The battleship "Austro-Hungarian Monarch", the lead ship of the "Austro-Hungarian Sovereign" battleship, took the lead in launching an artillery attack on the German Navy's battle line.

Four triple-mounted 350mm main guns with 50 times the caliber began to roar. Heavy shells roared and smashed towards the battleship Kaiser, the flagship of the combined fleet of the German Navy.

Subsequently, other capital ships of the Austro-Hungarian Navy also opened fire. For a while, the sea became lively.

"How far is it now?" Admiral Hipper asked.

"General, the distance between the two sides is about 16 kilometers!" A staff officer reported.

"With such a long distance, is the Austro-Hungarian Empire trying to waste shells?" Admiral Hipper had a mocking smile on his lips.

Sure enough, the shells fired by the Austro-Hungarian Navy hit the sea and exploded. However, there is no threat to the combined fleet of the German Navy. Because every impact point is relatively far away.

"According to the predetermined plan, we will close the distance to 15,000 meters before firing! Our family has a great career, and we dare not waste shells casually like the Austro-Hungarian Navy." Admiral Hipper said.

"Yes, General. The Austro-Hungarian Navy knows that this may be their last battle, so they don't have any scruples about shells." Lieutenant General Richter Fels said with a smile.

Admiral Hipper also nodded again and again, agreeing with this statement very much. If the combined fleet of the German Navy can achieve the predetermined combat objectives and really eliminate the Austro-Hungarian Navy in this battle, then this is really the last swan song of the Austro-Hungarian Navy.

Admiral Anton House was also somewhat dissatisfied with the performance of the Austro-Hungarian Navy. However, he didn't say much. The more it is at this time, the less it can hit the morale of the soldiers. It was already much inferior to the German navy. If even the morale had dropped to freezing point, then there would be no need to continue this battle and just surrender to the Germans.

The distance between the two sides is getting closer. When the distance was shortened to 15,000 meters, Admiral Hipper gave the order to fire.

The battleship 'Caesar' naturally took the lead. Three triple-mounted 50-caliber 410mm main guns began to roar. One after another, the heavy shells roared and smashed into the battleship "Austro-Hungarian Monarch".

Although, the battleship "Austro-Hungarian Monarch" has three more main guns. However, the caliber is a full sixty millimeters smaller. This makes the performance of the battleship "Austro-Hungarian Monarch" completely inferior to that of the battleship "Caesar".

As soon as the battleship "Kaiser" opened fire, other battleships of the German Navy also opened fire immediately. The capital ships of both sides, Caesar caught and fought. The naval battle suddenly became more intense.

Of course, not everywhere is a one-on-one duel. At least, in the second half of the battle line, the situation of the Austro-Hungarian Navy was not very good. The four "United Forces-class" battleships are already under siege by the German Navy.

Three "Moltke-class" battlecruisers are besieging the battleship "United Force". Among the battleships of the "Nassau class", the "Nassau" and the "West*" besieged the "Teghoff", and the remaining "Rhineland" and "Posen" besieged 'Prince Eugen'. In the end, three "Blücher-class" battleships besieged the "St. Stephen".

It can be seen that during the battle here, the four "United Force-class" battleships of the Austro-Hungarian Navy were almost completely crushed. They were in danger under the siege of the superior battleships of the German Navy. It was only a matter of time before it was hit, or sunk.

"Your Excellency Commander, our four 'Joint Force-class' battleships are in a very bad situation. They have been attacked by enemies twice or even three times their own size. In addition to the German capital ships, their performance is very poor. Very powerful. Our 'Joint Force-class' battleship may not last long."

Admiral Anton House nodded, he also knew this situation. It can be said that this is undoubtedly their shortcoming.

"The commander of the German Navy is Admiral Hipper, the commander of their home fleet. He is a famous general who participated in the last world war and commanded the German Navy to make great achievements. He can see our shortcomings at a glance. It's not surprising at all. All we can do is to order four "Joint Force-class" battleships, which can last longer in naval battles. In addition, send a telegram to other battleships and tell them, now' The United Force-class battleship is buying us time with its own life, if we cannot defeat the German Navy within this time, then we will have no chance to turn defeat into victory!" Admiral Anton Howes said .

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander."

The words of Admiral Anton House, the staff officer, conveyed to every capital ship. This made the morale of the Austro-Hungarian Navy continue to rise. The officers and soldiers also performed very bravely in the battle.

Such a performance naturally made General Anton House very satisfied. However, it is obviously not enough to defeat the German navy in this way.

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The main guns of both sides are constantly firing, trying to smash the shells on the opponent's capital ship, thereby sinking the opponent's capital ship. However, this is obviously very difficult.

The battleship moves at high speed on the sea surface, which will greatly affect the hit rate of the battleship. In such a situation, it is not easy to get a hit. Therefore, every hit seems to be commendable.

However, in terms of overall performance, the German Navy still performed better. The impact points of the shells they fired were very close to the capital ships of the Austro-Hungarian Navy. This also means that it is only a matter of time before they get a hit. The bombardment of the capital ships of the Austro-Hungarian Navy was much worse, and the impact points were often hundreds of meters away. Such shelling has no other effect other than wasting shells.

The reason for all this is that in addition to the quality of the Austro-Hungarian Navy being inferior to that of the German Navy, there are also equipment reasons. When the German Navy sold those decommissioned capital ships, it removed the most advanced sighting equipment and command system to prevent Germany's advanced technology from leaking out.