

sufferings of the soldiers who up to then had known nothing but victory!

To-day everybody is aware that if peace had not been negotiated between Russia and Japan when it was, the Japanese would probably not have been able to hold out much longer.

Nobody truly knows what the resources in men and money Russia commands. It suffers from its very might. It takes a long while to gather its millions of men, to set them in motion, to bring them down to the fighting line, and to organize them into a fighting machine, but once the immense mass is put into motion it is irresistible.

The despatches have announced that it is the intention of Emperor William to create an independent Kingdom of Poland, and we may no doubt be apprised later on that, for the present at least, most liberal concessions will be made to the Polish people. Here again let us look at the events of to-day in the light of the history of the past. At one time, the great Napoleon, flushed with victory, having vanquished the armies of the world, set about to apportion to himself and to his family the Kingdoms of Europe. To the Netherlands he assigned his brother Louis, and those who visit Holland still see the great "N" carved in marble and wood on the walls of the palaces. Spain was allotted