

the mutual jealousy existing amongst the latter. None is willing to see any of its neighbours grow very strong. Consequently, if a smaller country is invaded by a more powerful it is very probable that outside assistance will be given the former in one way or another.

Thus efforts are constantly being made by the nations to preserve what is commonly called the "balance of power". The stronger nations of the world are known as "the great powers" and include Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and a few other European powers.

## 2. The Kinds of Government.

After what has been said, we can describe in a general way what a "nation" is. It is a united body of people occupying a certain territory which is called a "country." Further, matters are so arranged that one man, or a small group of men, acts as its head, and is its highest representative in its dealings with other nations. Now the question is, how can a very large number of people, in some cases hundreds of millions, be induced to act together so that they will form one nation? The answer