GLADSTONE IS DYING.

The Great Briton Has Sunk Into Unconsciousness.

SIXTY-SIX YEARS IN POLITICS.

Elected to Parliament When Only Twenty-Three Years of Age-Has Been Four Times Premier of the British Empire.

London, May 18 .- According to a special dispatch from Hawarden received this morning, Mr. Gladstone is sinking rapidly. The correspondent says: "He lies on a small iron bed, peacefully sleeping away into the land of shades. His death chamber faces south, everlooking the south terrace. The family and others are all sitting around him, or moving noiselessly in and out. It is a pathetic scene that

is being enacted.
"Br. Biss, Mr. Gladstone's physician, doubts that his patient was conscious at any time on Tuesday, though he said 'yes' and 'no;' nor does the



WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE. physician believe that Mr. Gladstone recognized anyone. Nevertheless he suffered no pain whatever, but just lay with his head facing the light, his eyes closed, his hands sometimes outside the counterpane and sometimes hidden beneath

"His grand face bears a most peaceful and beautiful look. A few days ago the deeply bitten wrinkles that so long marked it were almost gone, but now, strangely enough, they seem strong and deep as ever. He looks. too, in wonderfully good color. But he has sunk into final unconsciousness, and the end may come at any mo-

MR. GLADSTONE'S CAREER.

Sixty-six Years in Politics and Four Times Premier.

Gladstone is a name of power in all the English speaking world. Not only has the United Kingdom felt the impress of his genius in every part of her government, but Canada and Australia. the Cape Colony and other self governing dependencies have molded their new institutions largely according to his ideas, while in the United States he has had as many devoted admirers as in his native island. "Grand Old Man" is his title here as well as in English lands, and it has been even more freely

And yet the man presents a paradox. No other politician of modern times. none probably of any time, has changed positions so often or so radically, and it is scarcely possible to find any defined principle lately advocated by him that he had not at some time in the past assailed with vituperative eloquence. Yet there is a certain consistency even in his changes. Contrary to an almost universal rule among students of society and government, he steadily grew more radical as he grew older, less cautious as he grew physically weaker, and less tolerant of criticism as his course raised greater Washington, West Virginia, Wisconarmies of critics.

Mr. Gladstone entered parliament as a Tory of the Eighteenth century sort, grew into a mild conservative, held office as an advanced Whig, and then led the opposition as a Liberal so very radical that many English Radicals abandoned him and even Irish Radicals had to restrain him.

His father, John Gladstone, was a prominent merchant and his mother was of Scotch royal descent. William Ewart Gladstone was born in Liverpool Dec. 29, 1809. He was educated at Eton and at Christ's church, Oxford. In 1831 be was graduated, and the next year was elected to parliament from Newark.

He continued to represent that borough till 1846. In 1834 Gladstone first "took office" as under secretary for the colonies, Sir Robert Peel being premier. Being "thrown out" by the defeat of Peel in 1835, he employed his leisure in literary work and published the once celebrated "Church and State."

In 1838 he married Miss Margaret Glynne, of a Welsh family, and in 1849 put forth another peculiar work on church affairs. In 1841 he again took a place in the cabinet and soon became eminent as a financier. In 1845 he resigned because the government favored the Catholic college in Ireland, but soon came in again. In 1847 he was chosen to represent Oxford and then, for the first time, began to advocate liberal measures, the first being the bill for removing the disabilities of the Jews, which he had opposed in 1841. In 1851-52 he became a leader of the Liberals and entered on that long contest with Disraell which continued without truce till 1876, when Disraeli became Lord Beaconsfield and entered the house of lords.

In 1868 Mr. Disraeli succeeded Lord Derby as prime minister, but before the year had run out Disraeli's cabinet was dissolved and Gladstone was called to the premiership. In 1874, owing to the defeat of his Irish university bill, Gladstone tendered his resignation as premier, but on Disraeli refusing to form a cabinet Gladstone consented to remain in office. Early in the following year parliament was dissolved, and the Liberals were overwhelmingly defeated in the elections. This caused Gladstone's retirement, but he returned to the premiership in 1880. In 1885 he

again resigned, being succeeded by Lord Salisbury. In 1886 he was restored to power for the third time, but held the premiership for only five months, being again succeeded by Salisbury. In 1892 he became premier for the fourth time, but in the following year, owing to the defeat of his Irish home rule bill in the house of lords, Mr. Gladstone again retired, and Salisbury once more became premier.

Gladstone was never a favorite with Victoria, Indeed, the queen has said more than once with emphasis that she detested him, and said it in a way to imply that she also feared him. Their personal discussions more than once terminated in angry words, but the premier never flinched from facing royalty. "You must take this action," he once said to her.

"Must! Did you say must?" she angrily retorted. "And do you know,

sir, who I am?" "Madame," answered Gladstone coolly, "you are the queen of England; but do you know who I am? I am the people of England, and in this emergency

the people say 'must!' It is scarcely necessary to add that the "people" prevailed.

Hawarden became the property of Mr. Gladstone by his marriage with Miss Glynne, who inherited it through a long line of descent from one Sergeant Glynne and his son, the Baronet

William Glynne. Of their eight children one daughter dled in infancy, two daughters are married, and Helen, still single, holds the honorable place of principal of Newnham college at Cambridge. She already ranks high among the educated women of the world. Of the four sons one is rector of Hawarden, another is in parliament, the third is active in politics and the fourth is in business at Calcutta.

Colonel Cooper Convicted. Wilmington, Del., May 18 .- After being out 74 hours the jury in the United States court last evening returned a verdict finding Colonel Ezekial T. Cooper guilty of conspiring with defaulting Teller William M. Boggs to misapply \$3,000 of funds of the First National bank, of Dover. Cooper was originally charged with conspiring to misapply \$23,000. The conviction was made on the 46th count of the indictments, in which Cooper was charged with drawing \$3,000 from the First National bank when he had no deposit there. The jury took 71 ballots, and the verdict was a compromise. Thomas S. Clark will be tried on Tuesday next on the charge of conspiring with Boggs to misapply \$3,060 of the funds of the

Says France Is With Us. Paris, May 17 .- The Journal Des Debats, in the course of a long article, reflects the anxiety experienced in government circles here respecting the feeling aroused in America on account of France's open sympathy with Spain. "The whole affair is a misunderstanding. French opinion at the outset of the war certainly regarded the United States as in the wrong and some of the papers expressed this opinion in an aggressive form. The Americans, however, should not have taken the matter tragically, for of all foreigners our natural sympathies are for the United States."

A Victory For Reeder.

Easton, Pa., May 18.-The Republican primaries to elect delegates to the county convention which elects state delegates were held in the various districts of the county last night. The results obtainable show. Reeder the winner by a large majority. The Wanamaker people, led by the Hay-Magee faction, worked hard for the success of their ticket, but there will be a large majority against them when the county convention meets at Bangor next Sat-

Volunteer Army Nearing Completion. Washington, May 18.-The volunteer army is rapidly nearing completion. Reports received by Adjutant General Corbin show that thus far 92,580 men have been mustered in. Eighteen states have completed their quotas, as follows; California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, sin and Wyoming.

Murdered For His Money. Trenton, May 18 .- Sing Lee, a Chinaman, was murdered in his laundry on Willow street about 10 o'clock last night. A pistol shot in Lee's place attracted the attention of a boy, who notified a policeman. The officer found Lee dead on the floor, with his skull crushed in and a bullet in his arm. The money drawer was upset and all the contents but a few pennies were taken. The police are looking for the

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Flour firm; winter superfine, \$4.50\(\)4.75; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$5.75\(\)66; city mills, extra, \$4.75@5. Rye flour steady, but quiet, at 34.7505. Rye flour steady, but quiet, at \$4 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat strong; No. 2 red. spot, \$1.3701.38. Corn dull and weak; No. 2 mixed, May, 40%441c.; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 41½c. Oats dull and weak; No. 2 white, 37½c.; No. 2 white, clipped, 37½c. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$12.50013 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, \$23.50024. Pork firm; mess, \$11.75012.25; short clear, \$12014: family, \$12.50014. Lard weak; \$12@14; family, \$12.50@14. Lard weak; western steamed, \$7. Butter steady; western creamery, 14@15½c.; do. factory, 12@13c.; Elgins, 15½c.; imitation creamery, 13@14%c.; New York dairy, 13%@15%c.; do creamery, 14@15½c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 17@26c.; do. wholesale, 16c. Cheese quiet; large white, New York, 7½c.; smail white, 7@7½c.; light

skims, 263c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 10@11c.; western, fresh, 10%c.; southern, 9@10c.

Baltimore, May 17.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat firm; spot and month, \$1.37\cdot 0.137\cdot 2.14; August, \$1.13; steamer No. 2 red, \$1.32\cdot 5.00 congrade, \$1.34\cdot 1.38 (1.38). Corn dull and easy; spot, 41@41\cdot c.; steamer mixed, 40\cdot 40\cdot 40\cdot 40\cdot 6.25 (1.38). July, 41@41½c.; steamer mixed, 40@40½c.; southern. white, 42@42½c.; do. yellow, 42@42½c. Oats dull and easy; No. 2 white, 88@33½c.; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c. Lettuce,

skims, 696½c.; part skims, 5½96½c.; full skims, 293c. Eggs steady; New York and

38@33½c.; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c. Lettuce, \$1.25@1.50 per basket.

East Liberty, Pa., May 17.—Cattle nteady; extra, \$5.10@5.15; prime, \$5@5.10; common, \$4@4.30. Hogs strong; prime mediums and heavy hogs, \$4.45@4.50; best heavy Yorkers, \$4.35@4.40; light Yorkers, \$4.15@4.25; pigs, as to quality, \$3.90@4.10; roughs, \$2.50@4. Sheep steady, unchanged; choice clipped lambs, \$4.90@5; common to good, \$4.25@4.80; spring lambs, \$5@7. Veal talver, \$5.50@5.75.

OUR SPANISH WAR.

ACKSON'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DONS IN FLORIDA.

A Stirring Story of Cld Hickory's Way of ty of the frontier. This was re-Dealing With Perfidy and Treachery fused, Masked Behind Treaties and Courteous

with Spain. Or, rather, Andrew Jack- ly. son had a war with Spain, which he carried on in the name and with the ing. I had my ladders ready to go own personal responsibility.

He had made one brilliant campaign against the Creeks of Southern Georgia. He completely crushed the Creek nation, and thought that they were "pacified" in the thorough Jacksonian manner.

But a few thousand Creek braves fled across the border into the Spanish province of West Florida and joined themselves to the bloodthirsty horde of Seminoles and fugitive slaves led by the great chief Billy Bowlegs. This tripartnership of deviltry, aided and abetted by the Spaniards, made life in Southern Georgia a series of alarms too frequently realized in butchery and

The Spanish official attitude was perfectly correct-deprecatory and regretful. But really, said the Spaniards, these savages are so strong and so wily

that we can do nothing. Then Andrew Jackson came. He had choice of two courses-to follow the recognized international code of protest by post to Washington, thence after long delay to the Spanish Minister, thence after interminable delay to Spain by slow sailing vessel, and so on through drawn-out years of waiting. or to adopt a Jacksonian code of international law exactly suited to the circumstances. He reasoned thus:

First-Billy Bowlegs and his marauders must be punished at once.

Second-This is as much to the interest of Spain as of the United States. Third-I, Andrew Jackson, must do my duty by both countries.

Fourth-If the Spanish officers assist me, well and good; if not, then they are the allies of the savages and enemies of the United States.

Jackson wrote to the Government at Washington just what he purposed to troops from Pensacola before Spain do. Then, without waiting for a reply, he marched over the border into the treaty and the safety of the fronthe sacred territory of Spain, at the head of an army that knew no other duty than obedience to Jackson.

He made straight for the nearest Spanish fort-St. Mark's. He sent tion path, followed by a negro on a word to the Governor that he (Jack- mule, struck a large cottonmouth with son) had been much pained to learn his whip lash as it glided across the that the wicked Indians had forcibly coad. As soon as under cover and out entered St. Mark's and had frightened of reach of the whip the snake raised the weak garrison into giving them Its head above the bushes, standing alarms and ammunition. "To prevent most upright on its tail and glaring at the recurrence of so gross a violation him with flashing eyes, at the same of neutrality," wrote Jackson, "and to time hissing fiercely and exposing its exclude our savage enemies from so fangs. strong a hold as St. Mark's, I deem in "Yo' ort'n ter 'a done dat, Maws expedient to garrison that fortress with Joe!" exclaimed the negro. American troops until the close of the

hurried forward a long reply in Spanish, the substance of which was that he would write to his Government and see whether it wished him to let Jack- my whip. I wish, though, I had killed over hip and back. No thigh son pursue the proposed course. That | the beast!" is, he said to Jackson, "Wait six months or a year."

Jackson couldn't read Spanish. In his whole life he never dreamed of any one asking him to "wait." So he as powerful quick. sumed that the letter must be a cordial assent to his very proper proposals. He got the letter in the early morning of April 7, 1818. Before moon the Spanish flag had been hauled down from St. Mark's, the American flag was floating over it, and American troops were in possession. The Governor made a dignified protest-in Pomp, "yo'd better not happen erlong Spanish-and departed with his garri- dis paf any more dis year, 'ceptin' on

Gen. Jackson proceeded to chastise the Indians and had his usual success. But again he found the Spaniards in- followed the path on foot, probably terfering to save the Indians from without any thought of what had oc-Jacksonian "pacification." Here are curred the day before, and when passhis own vivid words of description of ing the spot where he had lashed the his further and final campaign against snake the day before he was struck at

"I received information that 550 In- one from each side of the path. He dlans had collected in Pensacola, were | managed to get home, but died soon affed by the Governor, and that a party ter. furnished by the Governor had issued forth and in one night had slain eighteen of our citizens, and that another party, with the knowledge of the Governor, went out publicly, murdered a Mr. Stokes and his family and in open day returned to Pensacola and sold the booty, among which was the clothing time, and there is no end to sheep, of Mrs. Stokes."

He at once levied war against Spain. Stickeen River, going up slowly, when Said he:

ulars and 600 Tennesseeans I marched yards away. for Pensacola.

met by a protest of the Governor of he seemed to be getting nervous, and I Pensacola ordering me out of the Floridas or he would oppose force to force behind his shoulder and fired. He and drive me out of the territory of didn't move from his tracks, but slow-Spain."

er as proof positive of the treacherous He must have weighed 1,200 pounds. lying of the Governor in saying that I never saw such a terrific thing as the Indians were too strong for his those steel, leadpointed bullets. When weak garrison. So he marched on to they strike, the soft lead flattens out Pensacola forthwith and took formal over the steel and makes a fearful possession of it in the name of the Uni- wound." ted States!

The Governor fied to Fort Carlos de Barrancas. There he thought himself safe from this terrible Jackson. For with ammonia and applied with a he never imagined for a moment that brush will remove the mark caused by even such a high-handed person as the dripping of a faucet in a marble Jackson would dare try to take by basin. An old tooth-brush is a good force the fort of a power that was or thing to use for this purpose.

was pretending to be at peace with the United States.

But Jackson was hot upon his heels. "I demanded possession of the fort, to be held by American troops until a

"I approached the Barrancas with one 9-pound piece and five 8-inch howitzers. They opened their batteries

guarantee could be given for the safe-

Just eighty years ago we had a war upon me. It was returned spirited-"The white flag went up in the even-

troops of the United States, but on his over the walls. I believe the garrison discovered this and surrendered, fearing a night attack." Spain was now powerless beneath

the heel of Jackson. Her savage allies soon yielded to Jackson's sharpshooters. The real war with Spain was

But the diplomatic war, which usually precedes the real war, had to follow in this case, thanks to Jackson. And how it did rage in Florida, in Washington, in Madrid! Spain was furious and many Americans said that Jackson had really gone too far. But the upshot was that the United

States Government disavowed Jackson's acts, restored the forts, and thanked Jackson publicly and profusely for ending the alliance of Spanish perfidy and Indian savagery.

As for the people, they made Jackson their idol, as they do every man who prefers doing to dalliance.

The quotations from Jackson used above are in a letter which Jackson sent to a friend at Washington for use in his defense. This brief account of Jackson's splendid war with Spain cannot be ended more fittingly than with the closing paragraphs of Jackson's letter:

"All that I regret is that I did not storm the works, capture the Governor, put him on trial for the murder of the Stokes family and hang him for the

"I could adopt no other way (to put an end to the war) but by possessing myself of the strongholds that were a refuge to the enemy and afforded them the means of offense.

"Self-defense justified me in every act I did. I will stand justified before God and all Europe. And I regret that our Government has extended the courtesy to Spain of withdrawing the gave a guarantee for the fulfillment of

Revenge of a Snake and Its Mate. A gentleman riding along a planta-

"Why not, Pomp?"

"'Cause rat snec'll lay fur yo' show, The Governor was dumbfounded. He an' sometime ernother'll hit yo' back." "Pshaw, Pomp! I don't take any stock in such nonsense. More likely

"Dat would 'a' bin er sight wusser, Maws Joe, 'case de mate would jes' foller tel hit cotch't you'; an' when er cottonmouf's mate hits, yo' goes dead

"All nonsense, Pomp! There isn't any mate, or if there is, it doesn't know more than other dumb creatures. A man may be hit, of course, but not more often by the mate of a snake he has killed than by some other that just happens in striking distance."

"Leastways. Maws Joe," urged hossback!"

This good advice fell on heedless ears. The next afternoon Maws Joe the same instant by two cottonmouths,

Hunting in the Klondike.

"The Klondike country isn't covered with snow all the time by any means, and it has been a wonder to me that sportsmen haven't visited it. It is a perfect paradise for hunters. I saw a drove of hundreds of caribou at one moose and caribou. There are plenty Here was indeed a casus belli. Jack- of bear, too, grizzlies, black bear and son did not hesitate between the ac- silver tips. I killed a grizzly myself cepted code and the Jacksonian code. about a month ago. We were on the a big grizzly crashed through the brush "With a general detachment of reg- and stood in plain view about fifty

"I felt a little uncertain about trying "While on my march thither I was him with my 30-40 Winchester, but took steady aim at him at a point just ly sank in a quivering heap, and by Jackson regarded this boast of pow- the time we reached him he was dead.

> Cleanses Marble. A little pulverized chalk moistened

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