Spain May Adopt This Guerilla Mode of Warfare.

VERY SIGNIFICANT DEBATE

Pertinent Question Indirectly Answered in Spain's Senate.

THE OREGON AGAIN REPORTED.

The Big Fighter, Accompanied by the Nictheroy and the Marietta, Said to Have Left Para, Brazil, Monday-Heavy Firing Off the Eastern Extremity of Cuba Which May Have Been a Naval Battle or a Bombardment-Spaniards Denounce the Alleged Raising of the Spanish Flag on Our Warships as an Act of Piracy.

Madrid May 24 .- In the senate yesterday Count Almenas vehemently ome American warships in displaying he Spanish flag in order to deceive the

anco, who added that the American dips were "immediately recognized nd repulsed." The count asked if the government had notified the powers of this incident.

The minister of the interior, Senor Capdepon, replied that he had notified the powers and described this reported action as "cowardly and iniquitous." Count Almenas then said that "in

view of America's manner of making war, Spain must immediately decree privateering, in order to utterly destroy American shipping." To this the minister of the interior

replied that the government had deliberated upon the matter "and had even taken certain decisions, which would shortly be known."

Count Guendulain said the Amerians' "act of piracy was admitted by ertain theorists as international law." Senor Martinez Pacheo remarked that it was doubtful whether such an act was legal. "But," he added, "in ace of the Americans' conduct in the war with Spain we must not show con-

sideration for them." Continuing, the speaker protested against Spain's adherence to the Geneva convention, whereupon the minister of the interior replied that Spain had not yet entered the convention.

Senator Conde, professor of international law at the Madrid university, warmly denounced what he was pleased to term "the base proceedings" Washington authorized such acts "it in port here. did not deserve the name of a civilized government." The professor then proceeded to unfold a lengthy indictment of the alleged war methods of the Americans, insisting that they have shown "no respect for the right of peoples in the capture of merchantmen nd bombardments, reiterating that he acts of the United States are not those of a civilized country.

THE OREGON AGAIN REPORTED.

ust Left Para, Brazil, With the Nictheroy and Marietta. London, May 24.-Lloyds' agents at Para, Brazil, cables that three Ameri-

can men-of-war arrived there at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from Rio Janeiro. The only American warships known

to be on their way north from Rio Janeiro are the Oregon, the Marietta and the Nictheroy. The Oregon was last reported officially by Lloyds at Bahia, Brazil, on May 9, and she is belived to have proceeded at midnight the same day. The distance from Bahia to Para is about 1,600 miles. roughly speaking, and if the Lloyds report is correct the Oregon and her consorts have been steaming very slowly. Other reports have placed the Oregon at Barbados, and even nearer till to the United States.

HEAVY CANNONADING HEARD.

erhaps It Was a Naval Engagement With Cervera's Fleet.

Port au Prince, Hayti, May 24.-The llowing dispatch has been received ere from Port de Paix, dated Satury last, land telegraph cummunicaon having been interrupted up to sterday:

"A furious cannonading was heard the 19th in the direction of the orth of Cuba. Today (Saturday) the annonading continues in a very lively

Port de Paix is in the northwestern art of Hayti, and the firing referred to pay have been from any part of the astern extremity of Cuba. As the paniards claim Guantanamo was reently bombarded by American warhips, the sound of firing may have me from that direction.

SPAIN'S FUTILE PROTEST

gainst the Alleged Raising of the Spanish Flag By Our Ships. Washington, May 24.—The press spatches from Madrid giving the

harp debate in the cortes over the alleged flying of the Spanish ag by American warships created a comment in naval circles. Spain's otest to the powers that this use of e flag was "cowardly and iniquitous" as dismissed by naval officers with statement that international law ers agreed on the right to use an

my's flag for purposes of decelt, as the flag is hauled down bemot is fired. The United States Al regulations make specific pro-

lon on this point. The statement made by the Spanish hister of the interior that the gov-

among officials here. One of the est authorities of the navy de-nest said Spain would adopt pri-ering if she felt it to be to her interest without waiting for this country to give any prefext for such action. It is felt, however, that Great Britain, Germany and France will have considerable to say in case Spain resorts

to privateering. The commerce of these countries with the United States would suffer very severely by Spanish priva-teering, and its effect would be far more disastrous to these foreign interests than to the shipping of the United States. It was this influence of Great Britain, Germany and Farnce which forced Spain reluctantly to forego privateering, and it is not thought probable these influences will now consent

to have their commerce destroyed. With the beginning of the present week all Spanish vessels in United States ports, which sailed after the outbreak of the war, are subject to seizure, as well as all Spanish merchantmen found on the high seas, save where they left port for the United States before April 21 last.

No sutlers are to be permitted to accompany the army during the war. To make up for any deficiency in supplies which might be missed by debarring the sutlers the department has decided to enlarge very materially the list of articles which will be kept on hand by the commissary's department. All these protested against the alleged action of will be supplied to the officers and soldiers at cost price. Many applications have been received from persons who rarrison of Guantanamo, as announced! are anxious to receive appointments a dispatch from Captain General entitling them to accompany the army with a sutler's privilege

MARYLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS

Baltimore Enthusiastically Receives the Famous Sixth Regiment.

Baltimore, May 21 .- In striking conto the reception tendered the Sixth Massachusetts regiment when it passed through Baltimore on its way to defend the national capital April 19, 1861, the Sixth Massachusetts was greeted today with the hand of fellowship and love, and a hearty Godspeed accompanies them on their way south in answer to the call to defend the nation.

The regiment was met there by a citizens' committee of 300, and the hospitality of the city extended to them. Several appropriate floral designs were presented, and each soldier was presented with a box of lunch, an American flag and a button bearing the state coat of arms and the words "Bal- gyll. All are British built vessels and timore greets Massachusetts." They were then escorted through the city to Camden station by the committee, headed by the Fourth regiment band and drum corps and a platoon of police-

Upon streamers attached to the floral pieces were the words: "With nowers, not bullets." "A united country honors the men who are rallying to her defense. May the memory of '61 be effaced by the welcome of '98."

Spanish Troops Leave Cadiz. Barcelona, May 24.-A steamer took the Canaries or the Philippines, and of the United States, declaring that if there are two transatlantic liners now

WAR BREVITIES.

Saturday, May 21.

It is reported that France will ask the powers to protest against American cable cutting. A boy named Garcia, arrested at

Tampa on suspicion of being a Spanish spy, has been honorably discharged. The Fourteenth New York regiment

of volunteers, Colonel Fred Gram, went into camp at Chickamauga Friday. The regiments of the new Pennsyl-

vania Guard will be numbered so as not to conflict with those now in ser-United States steamer Resolute left

the Brooklyn navy yard last night with a crew of 100 men from New Jersey's naval militia.

William J. Bryan expects to recruit recently vacated by the regular troops near Lincoln, Neb. Business at Havana is almost at

standstill in consequence of the blockade, and a spirit of depression has come over the beleaguered capital. According to a Key West dispatch

the steamer Tecumseh has landed two parties on the Cuban coast, bearing important messages to the Cuban insur-Monday, May 23,

The cost of the war to Spain exceeds \$28,000,000 a month.

Coffee will not be taxed in the war revenue bill. Over 30,000 letters were delivered to

the troops encamped at Chickamauga on Friday. Volunteers of Washington state, now

at San Francisco, voted a unanimous desire to be sent to Manila. An unconfirmed report at Gibraltar has it that the Spanish squadron at

Cadiz will sail for Cuban waters. It is reported that Admiral Cervera's squadron will return to Fort de France to coal from Spanish colliers now en

route. The single turret monitor Jason, relic of the civil war, left Philadelphia for New York, manned by New York

A Madrid correspondent of the London Times declares our government cannot expect aid from Cuban insur-

gents. Tuesday, May 24.

The harbor of San Diego, Cal., has been planted with mines and torpedoes. The steamer Fenita is loading ammunition at Mobile for a Cuban expedition.

There have now been mustered into the service of the general government 107.761 volunteers. Cuban insurgent officers deny charges

of inefficiency, and say the Cuban army will distinguish itself by brilliant operations.

The building of a navy equal, if not the superior, of Great Britain's is being agitated in congress, and has many supporters. Major General William M. Graham

Alger, near Washington, yesterday. There are 12,000 men in the camp. The British steamer Ardanmhor was seized off Cubs because of her sus-picious actions. It was thought she was attempting to run the blockade.

formally assumed command of Camp

THE TROOPS FOR DEWEY

Trouble in Securing Transports to Carry Them to Manila.

AN ENTIRE FLEET NOW OFFERED.

They Now Carry the British Flag, and Must Be Given American Register If Accepted-The First Manila Expedition May Leave at Any Hour.

Washington, May 24.—Much comment and some criticism have been caused by the delay in forwarding troops to the Philippine Islands to support Admiral Dewey. Both the comment and the criticism had their origin in the desire for the people that the fruits of Dewey's brilliant victory at Manila should not be endangered by any lack of assistance from either the navy or war departments.

It is known now, however, that troops would have been sent to Manila before this had it been possible for the war department to secure transports on the Pacific coast. The utmost difficulty is being experienced by the department in obtaining such transports. The coastwise trade on the Pacific is not large as compared with that on the Atlantic, and a majority of the vessels engaged in the trade are of foreign register. Of course ships flying a foreign flag cannot be used as transports by the government, as such use would constitute a violation of the neutrality laws of the nation whose flag the ship

The war department is now negotiating by telegraph with the Pacific Mail Steamship company for the charter of two of the company's vessels, the China and the Colon. The Colon flies American colors, but the China is under the Hawaiian flag. The difference between the war department and the steamship company is now one of price. Whether satisfactory terms will be agreed upon remains in doubt.

Last night Assistant Secretary Metklejohn received a telegraphic offer from the agent of the Northern Pacific Steamship company at Seattle placing at the disposal of the department the company's entire fleet of steamers provided they be given American register. The ships are the Tacoma, Arizona, Olympia, Columbia, Victoria and Arfly the British flag.

Commenting upon the situation which confronts the department Secretary Meikeljohn said:

"If we cannot get vessels at what we consider fair prices, we shall be forced to impress such as we may need into the service and leave the prices to be adjusted subsequently by a board appointed for the purpose. We shall have simply to ask congress to give American register to vessels that we can ob-There is no other way out of the difficulty."

The likelihood is that the war de-1,000 soldiers from Cadiz Saturday for partment will order such vessels of the Northern Pacific Steamship company as may be needed to San Francisco, and then ask congress to give them an American register in order that they may promptly convey the waiting troops to Manila. It is the desire of the department that the troops following those to be sent to the Philippines on Saturday next shall go not later than Wednesday, June 1. It is imperatively necessary that they be gotten to Mantla as soon as possible, but in order that they may go at all it will be quite necessary that some foreign ships be given American register.

The First Expedition.

for the first expedition to Manila are almost complete. The first expedition Peking, City of Sydney and the Australia. It will consist of 60 officers and 1,074 men of the California infantry. artillery and navy, 13 officers and 318 men of the Oregon volunteers and 8 his provisional regiment at the camp States cavalry. This expedition may leave at any hour.

To Collect Philippine Revenues. Washington, May 24.-In anticipation of the early occupation of the Philippine islands by the military and navai forces of the United States the treasury department has already begun the formulation of regulations scheme of customs tariffs which will be collected by the military authorities and turned into the treasury of the United States as a "military con-tribution." That the president has authority to collect the Philippines revenues under existing conditions is not a matter of doubt. It was several times flone during the last war with Mexico. and the authority of the government in the premises was sustained by decisions of the United States supreme

The Regiments of Immunes Washington, May 24 .- Captain J. S. Pettit, First infantry, and Lieutenant H. H. Sargent, Second cavalry, who were recently appointed colonels of independent regiments of volunteers to be composed of men immune from contagious and infectious diseases, are now making arrangements for the organization of their regiments. Captain Pettit will recruit his regiment from residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, and Lieutenant Sargent will secure his in Alabama and Mississippi.

Another Alleged Spanish Spv. Key West, May 24.-J. Castellanos, a young man who arrived from Key West about three weeks ago, and who is registered at the Palmetto hotel as from New York, was arrested yesterday by order of General Shafter as a suspected Spanish spy. Castellanos has been watched for two weeks. He was plentifully supplied with money. He wrote as many as 100 letters a day, and this, with the discovery that he was traveling under an assumed name. resulted in his arrest.

Young Gray Declines a Commission. Washington, May 24.-Mr. 'Andrew C. Gray, son of Senator Gray, of Delaware, who was recently nominated as judge advocate with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the volunteer army, has notified Secretary Alger that he will not be able to accept the appointment.

WAR NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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waiting News of a Battle With Admiral Cervera's Squadron.

Washington, May 24.—Tuesday of last week the Spanish flying squadcommanded by Admiral Cervera was reported off Totola Islands. 40 miles east of St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. Another dispatch, from St. Pierre, Martinique, announced that the Spanish fleet had gone in the direction of Cuba er Porto Rico. A Hong Kong dispatch announced that the Philippines insurgents were useless as allies, many of them favoring Spanish cause as against the United States. It is believed that all of the 125,000 volunteers called for by President McKinley will be en route to their permanent camps by the end of the week. Pennsylvania officials decided organize a provisional National Guard of nine regiments of infantry. three troops of cavalry and three batteries of artillery. Newspaper correspondents at Tampa, Fla., were warned not to mention prospective secret expeditions to Cuba. On Wednesday the cheering news was

given out officially that the big battleship Oregon is safe, but no information could be learned as to her exact whereabouts. A British captain just arrived at Baltimore with a cargo of sulphur told how he had narrowly escaped a Spanish mob at Huelva, being obliged to flee without a full cargo. Prince Bismarck, in an interview his mansion in Friedrichsruhe, said the war was due to systematic American provocation, and declares that its result "cannot be wholesome either to America or Europe." The Tenth Pennsylvania regiment left Mount Gretna for San Francisco, where they will join the forces that will be sent to Admiral Dewey at Manila. The battleship Alabama, a formidable fighting machine, was successfully launched at Philadelphia. She will be delivered to the government some time next year.

The important news of Thursday was the reported arrival of the Spanish flying squadron under Admiral Cer-



ADMIRAL CERVERA.

vera az Santiago de Cuba. This dispatch was subsequently confirmed. Our war department is sadly lacking in military supplies, and many delays are inevitable. The French government gave ample assurance of friendship for our government. The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror & ready for sea at St. Pierre, Martinique, but while the Spaniard was coaling the American auxillary cruiser Harvard, for which vessel the Terror was supposed to be in waiting, quietly slipped off to sea. The cruiser Charleston, which left San Francisco with supplies for Admira-Dewey, put back with her condensers parations out of order. Senator Sewell formally resigned his appointment in the volunteer army, declaring it his duty to serve will be taken on the steamers City of his state as senator, though he would

prefer to go to war. On Friday an unconfirmed dispatch declared that Admiral Cervera's Spanish squadron, which had been reported at Santiago de Cuba, had suddenly put to sea. Other dispatches declared that the fleet had not gone to Santiaga, and still later it was declared that the fleet was yet at that place. In the Spanish senate Premier Sagasta declared that the policy of the new cabinet would be war to the utmost. On the Spanish scamer Argonauta, captured during the first days of the war, a large quanthy of ammunition was found secreted. A Havana dispatch to Madrid declared that "the rebels have pronounced in

favor of Spain." Last Saturday a dispatch from Key told of the chasing of three small Spanish gunboats off the north coast of Cuba by the cruiser Montgomery. The Spaniards escaped. Our cruiser Minneapolis, which was coaling at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Island, was ordered away by the Danish governor, as she had been in the port over 24 hours. General Merritt, who is to be the military governor of the Philippines, left Washington for San Francisco. A few unimportant Cuban leaders have accepted the offers of the autonomist government, but Gomez and Garcia firmly refuse.

Sunday's news added nothing definite in regard to the movements of our fleets, but it was generally admitted in Washington and among naval officers at Key West that a fight with skims, 6566 c.; part skims, 546c.; full Admiral Cervera's Spanish flying squadron might be expected at any time. It is believed the conflict will be a most desperate one. Spaniards in Hong Kong and Manila boast that a Spanish fleet is en route to annihilate Dewey's fleet. An unconfirmed report from Port Tampa declared that several hundred United States volunteers, native Cubans, left that place to invade Cuba and are probably now with the insurgent army. The cruiser Charleston finally got away from San Francisco with a cargo of ammunition for Admiral Dewey, at Manila. It is asserted that Senor Castillo's reason for refusing a place in the Spanish cabinet is the fact that France will soon insist upon Spain suing for peace. Castillo is Spanish ambassador to France

The Exchange of Prisoners of War. Atlanta, May 24.-Colonel Vincent de Cortijo and Dr. Isidore Julian and two of the Spanish privates, all of whom have been under arrest at Fort Mc-Pherson barracks, were taken away from Atlanta late Sunday night: The prisoners will be taken to Key West and thence to Havana, where they will be exchanged for the American newspaper correspondents, Thrall and Jones.

EDWARD BELLAMY DEAD.

The Noted Author and Humanitarias

a Victim of Consumption. died early yesterday morning at his home in Chickopee Falls, in the 49th year of his age. Mr. Bellamy has been in feeble health ever since he finished his "Equality," some eight months ago. Indeed, long before it was done he had the most significant warnings that his vital energies were being undermined. although it was not till August that his physicians definitely told him that one of his lungs was affected. At the earnest soligitations of his physicians and family he resolved to try the effect of the Colorado climate, and early in September last removed with his famtly to Denver. He received, however, little or no benefit from the change. and since January has been rapidly falling. When he recognized that recovery was impossible he became very anxious to get back to his old family homestead, and returned last April.

Among his many published works "Looking Backward" gave him his greatest fame. It has been translated into German, French, Russian, Italian, Arabic, Bulgarian and several other languages, and nearly a million copies have been sold

GENERAL MERRITT TO WED.

Miss Williams, of Chicago, Will Be

the Military Leader's Bride. Chicago, May 24.-The formal an nouncement of the engagement of Mix Laura Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams, of Chicago, and granddaughter of the late Judge John Dean Caton, to Major General Wesley Merritt, military governor of the Philippine Islands, was made yesterday.

Miss Williams is about 20 years old a brunette, graceful and petite, but of striking appearance, with jet black hair and eyes and brilliant coloring. She has received much attention herand abroad, especially in London where she was the guest of Robert T Lincoln when he was the representative of this country at the court of St. She was presented at queen's drawing room with Miss Lincoln. Norman Williams has for a number of years been one of the well known figures in Chicago legal and financial circles. General Merritt left for the Pacific

coast last night in a special car attached to the 6 o'clock Omaha train of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad.

To Increase Our Navy. Washington, May 24,-Representative Pearce, of Missouri, yesterday intro- lands. duced a bill for an increase in the naval establishment, as follows: Five first class cruisers to carry the heaviest armor practicable and the most powerful ordnance, displacement 11,500 tons, minimum average speed of 20 knots per hour, and to cost exclusive of armor and armament not exceeding \$4,000,000; ten torpedo boats, to cost, exclusive of armament, not over \$200,000 each; 15 torpedo best destrovers, to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding dents of society and government, h \$500,000; 15 steel gunboats, to cost, save armament, not over \$650,000 each

Colonel Cooper's Sentence.

Wilmington, May 24.-In the United States district court yesterday after-noon Colonel Ezekial T. Cooper, convicted of conspiring with William N. Boggs in the Dover bank defalcation, was sentenced to a fine of \$5,000 and costs and imprisonment of 18 months in the New Jersey state prison at Tren-The term will end Nov. 22, 1899. Cooper paled as the sentence was pronounced, and his lips twitched, but he displayed no other emotion.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

A tornado in Arkansas Friday night killed at least seven persons and caused immense destruction of prop-

Hon. William Connell, of Scranton, is the latest aspirant for the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

Hallstones as large as partridge eggs fell in Albemarle county. Virginia, ruining growing crops. Near Charlottesville lightning killed two persons. Jacob and Oscar Reinhard, Morris Dry and Frank Eidelt were crushed to death by a mine collapse near Mayers ville, Pa. The brothers Reinhard leave

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadel-

phia and Baltimore. Philadelphia. May 23.—Flour slow: win ter superfine, \$4.50\(\alpha 4.75\); Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$5.8566.10; city mills, extra Rye flour steady, but quiet, at \$4 per barrel for choice Fulls, No. 2 red. spot. \$1,2501.38. Wheat weak; No. 2 red. spot. \$1,2501.38. barrel for choice Pennsylvania, Corn lower? No. 2 mixed, May, 38446(304c.; 2 vellow, for local trade, 439/400-Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 37c., No. 2 white, clipped, 375c. Hay in fair demand and firm; choice timothy, \$12.50% if for large bales. Beef quiet; beef hams, \$23.50@24. Pork quiet; family., \$13.50@14. easy; Western steamed, \$6.7096.75. Butter firm; western creamery, 146:16c.; factory, 116125c.; Elgins, 16c.; imitation creamery. 1261144c.; New York dairy, 17 do. creamery, 131-91514c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 17420c. do. wholesale, 16c. Cheese quiet; large, white, 74c.; small, white, 74c.; large colored, 7%4715c.; small do., 7441715c.; light skims, 2a3c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 116/11%c.; western, fresh, 12c.; southern, 104 0:104 c. Baltimore, May 23 .- Flour firm; western

superfine, \$3,7594; do. extra, \$4,6005.25; do. family, \$5.8506.35; winter wheat, patent. \$6.5076.85; spring do., \$6,7597; spring wheat, straight, \$6,5096.75. Wheat steady spot and month, \$1.3641.364; June, \$1.32 July, \$1.12%; August, \$140%; steamer No. 2 red, \$1.3061.30%; southern wheat, by sample, \$1.30@1.36%; do. on grade, \$1.31@1.36. Corn dull and lower; spot and month, 35@ 394c.; June, 385c239c.; July, 396394c.; southern, white and yellow, 4lc. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 38c.; No. 2 mixed, Rye dull; No. 2 nearby, 64c.; No. 2 western, 66c. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$12.50fri3. Grain freights very dull; scarcely any demand; steam to Liverpool. scarcely any demand; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 44d., June; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 38. 6d., June; Sugar strong; granulated, 5.454. Butter steady; fancy creamery, 17c.; do. imitation, 18c.; do. ladle, 15c.; good ladle, 14c.; store packed, 12613c. Eggs weak; fresh, 10c. Cheese steady; fancy New York, large, 344634c.; store packed, 12613c.; do. small 10k; 61046c.

steady: fancy New York, large, 94/99/2c.; do. medium, 94/900c.; do. small, 10/2010/2c. Lettuce, \$1.2501.50 per basket.

East Liberty, Pa., May 23.—Cattle steady; extra, \$5.1096.15; common, 44/04.30, Hogs dull and lower; prime heavy, 54.350 4.40; best mediums, \$4.2594.30; heavy Yorkers, \$4.1504.20; light Yorkers, \$464.10; pigs, as te quality, \$3.7543.90; roughs, \$2.5093.50, Rheen lower; choice clipped, \$2.5093.50; the large lower lo

DEATH OF GLADSTONE

Springfield, Mass., May 23.—Edward The Great Briton Passed Quietly Bellamy, author and humanitarian. Away at Hawarden.

UNIVERSAL SORROW IN ENGLAND

The Program in Parliament Will Be an Address to Her Majesty Praying For a Funeral at the Public Expense and a Monument in Westminster.

London, May 19.-William Ewart Cladstone, the famous English statesman, died at his residence in Hawarden early this morning. When death came the eminent Briton was surrounded by



WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE. his family, and his death was peaceful in the extreme. He was conscious almost to the last, and knew that the end was near. Mr. Gladstone will be given a national funeral, and his remains will rest in Westminster Abbey

MR. GLADSTONE'S CAREER. Sixty-six Years in Polities and Four

Times Premier. Gladstone is a same 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

And yet the man presents a paradox No other politician of modern times. none probably of any time, baschanged positions so often or so radically, are 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 stu steadily grew more radical as he grew older, less cautious as he grew physically weaker, and less tolerant of crit icism as his course raised greater

armies of critics. Mr. Gladstone entered parliament a a Tory of the Eighteenth century sort grew into a mild conservative, held of fice as an advanced Whig, and the led the opposition as a Liberal so ver radical that many English Radica abandoned him and even Irish Radical

had to restrain him. His father, John Gladstone, was prominent merchant and his mother was of Scotch royal descent. William Ewart Gladstone was born in Liverpool Dec. 29, 1809. He was educated at Etch and at Christ's church, Oxford. In 1831 be was graduated, and the new 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 premis 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 1846 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 choose 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 Liera and entered on that long contest we Disraeli which continued without true till 1876, when Disraell became Lord Beaconsfield and entered the house of lords.

In 1868 Mr. Disraell succeeded Lord Derby as prime minister, but before the year had run out Disraell'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 th 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 Salisburg 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