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American and English writers bave discussed the question whether the United States or Great Britain would win in event of war It is to be hoped the question will forever remain unanswered, except in theory.

The greater New York bill came up again in the Assembly last Wednesday, in an effort, which was sucssful, to pass it over the vetoes of the mayors of New York. Allegany's Assemblyman, Fred A. Robbins, made another strong speech against the bill, and the reports say that for a time it appeared as though he would carry his point. Mr. Robbins has \$67,166,683.60. acquired a reputation as a legistator that should make every Alleganian

Two men were executed at Sing Sing last Thursday, and the only notice of it was a small paragraph in the newspapers. Death in the electric chair no longer excites the morbid and the sensation seeking. Governor Hill predicted this when the new execution bill was under consideration. He said that one of its most salutary effects would be the disappearance of public excitement which attended executions on the scaffold in the common jails.

The proposition to admit women as lay delegates to the General Conference of the M. E. church has been defeated. Returns have been received from all M. E. conferences and mission fields, and the same are tabulated. It required a three fourths vote to change the rule. The vote is shown to be 7,515 for the admission of women and 2,529 against. The total vote was 10,044. Three-fourths of this would be 7,533, or 18 more than were cast for the proposition to admit

The safeguard of home rule established by the new Constitution seems not to amount to much. The Constitution requires that legislation affecting municipalities be submitted to the Mayors for approval or disapproval. The provision, however, requires only the same number of votes to repass measures vetoed by Mayors as was necessary to pass them in the first place. Thus, though a Mayor may vote a bill, the vote has no effect unless the Legislature changes its mind and concludes to respect the will of the local executive. The Greater New York bill was vetoed by Mayor Strong of New York and Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn. Nevertheless, it was promptly repassed by the Senate and Assembly and will be signed by Governor Morton.

The electrical exhibition in New York, next month, will be the great. est and most instructive that has yet been made. It will display every thing that has been accomplished in the way of electrical science. The most notable feature of the exhibition will be an attempt to send a telegraphic message around the globe. Chauncey M. Depew will make the trial of sending one continuous current around the world, or as nearly around the world as the cable will permit. His message, addressed to either E. D. Adams or E. M. Hawley, of the Niagara corporation, will be telegraphed from Madison Square Garden over 24,000 miles of cable and be received again in the same room, accompanied by the certificates of ers at the various duplicated. points of land it touches. The electric tour will be over in a very few minutes, but just how long it is im possible to say. Electricians have contended that such an attempt is

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