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\section*{} | Not a War of Retallation. |
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| Some impetwous persons are urging on prepa |
| rations for war, asserting the need of retaiatory |
| measures against the enemy. These are mistaker |
| in their motives; howerer natural the |



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 tracks could easily be carried the ereater part of
their journey on barges instead of cars.
Restoration of waterway usage, however, is
not a matter to ob immediately accomplished, for
too much needs to be done before the neglected not a matter to be immediately accomplished. for
too much needs to be done before the neglected
rivers can be restored to theif full possibilities of
use as a factor in the transportation service of the use a a factor in the transportation service of the
country. Some partial relief is possible imme
diately, athough facilites rire quite limited, but
development of a comprehersive plan for the development of a comprehensive plan for the
whole country will require considecrable time. Alt
the debate and agitation of years should now
converge to the focal point of how to really use the debate and agitation of years should now
converge to the focal point of how to really use
the streams.
It is the future more than to the present we
must look in this regard, for the new must look in this regard, for the new era w
make such demands puon oure wergies as w
make present accomplisments sem litte.
the railroads are in earnest, and prudent fore the railroads are in earnest, and prudent for
sight would indicate they are. Americans are we
started alog the tine to final removal of one
the most vexatious elements of retardation of
 Dollars and Cents for Merry England.
Here is a little rainbow of promise for
schoobboy of the not fard distant future. If me
urea now pending before Partiament finally co
 to be made into law pupils in aritimetic will not
be forced to cudgel their brains over the aww-
ward and unfamiliar 1 l-s-d" of English money,
for that system will be superseded by the simfor that system will be superseded by the sey.
pier and more rational decimal plan known to
Americans. Insted of "dollar" the unit will be
called "florin," but it will consist of tion cents. calied forin, but it will consist of 100 cents.
Five-forin pieces will circulate instead of the
sovereign, with ten-forin pieces to match our
"eagle," while half and quarter florins will lead
A oovereign, with ten-forin pieces to matech our
"eagle," while half and quarter florins will lead
the way down to dimen, nickels and cent pieces.
A commission has reported dif favor of the change
and the question is dividing attention with the A commission has reported in favor of the change
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war and Ireland for public deste. One of the
strongeat arguments agains the .
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ing it will upset the present system of account-
ing and one objector calls attention to the fact
that all the adding machines in use will have to
俍 of rebuil. If the war has jolted John Bull out
of his aldesion to the antituated monetary sys-
tem to which he has clung so persistently we may tem to which he has clung so persistently we may
look for the readjustment of almost any of the
ancient and honorable British institutions. However, the measure is not yet a law. Board of Control and the Auditor. Another dispute as to authority over expen-
ditures has arisen at the state house, this tife
between the Board of Control and the auditor, between the Board of Control and the anditor,
whose deputy has disallowed an item passed by the board. The court is to be asked to deter-
mine if the auditor is merely a bookkeeper or a
real controller. It is not merely the matter mine in the auditor is merely a bookkeeper or a
real controllier. It is not merely the mater of
the single titem in dispute, but to establish the
proper proper authority by whom the expenditure of
utate funds will be checked. Counties and cities sute funds will be checked. Counties and cities
of Nebraska have had some saluary experiences.
in this connection, in which the courts have ruled against certain practices, long looked upon as
legitimate and permissible, but which were show legiimate and permissibe, but which were shown
finally to be dangerous and unwarranted, and by
this means leaks in the public treasury were stopped. It will be well to know just where
control over the expentiure of state funds is
lodged, so that responsibility may be ontrol over the expenditure of state funds is
lodged, so that responibility may be fixed. This
will work hardahip on hone and will be beneficial to all and certainly should bring about better busi-
nees methods in the management of state house-
keeping.


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