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SNYDER'S WISE COURSE

AUDITOR General Snyder is quoted by a Philadelphia newspaper as having decided opinions regarding the location of State offices outside of Harrisburg. He believes that the personal convenience of temporary officials should have nothing whatever to do with the location of their offices.

While he is about it he might also undertake, at the approaching session of the Legislature, to fix and determine the permanent location of the Supreme Court.

It is reassuring to note the interest of the Auditor General and other officials in concentrating the authority of the State where it belongs, Harrisburg is now preparing to consolidate and concentrate its official life in one dignified and proper building and the State can with propriety in this reconstruction period prepare for the same thing.

Harrisburg is watching with genuine approval the various steps in the co-operation of the city with the State regarding the development of the Capitol Park area and the abutting streets.

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The last three Legislatures were long. The members themselves were tired of them. Some men refused to return week after week, feeling that meeting for two days and adjourning simply because there was no sailing chart and that everything was viewed from a Philadelphia political angle, was worse than a waste of time.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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THE NATIONAL GUARD

(Philadelphia Press.) Now we have a ruling by the Judge Advocate General that the National Guard is to be discharged from the militia on being drafted into Federal service.

Curiosity That Hurts

(From the New York Tribune.) The Red Cross nurse in the army service who pleaded with the public not to stare at our wounded soldiers gave a needed hint that it is worth stressing.

LABOR RECONSTRUCTION

(From the New York Times.) The readjustment of labor seems to be proceeding more smoothly and quickly than many have feared. The Federal Director of the United States Employment Service for this state, Henry Bruere, says that not 5 per cent of the war workers released from war industries lack work.

Met Penbrook Boy in France

THE odd manner in which men from the same communities bump into each other while on duty in France is illustrated in letters received here from Ensign George A. Bacon, of the United States navy, to his mother, Mrs. Harry Bacon, of this city.

COURTESY PAYS

"I am just finding out the big reason for the success of certain business men," remarked a "cub" reporter of Los Angeles. "In one word it is courtesy. As a rule the big man that I go to for information is the very soul of kindness."

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The Return of Nicholas

(From the N. Y. Sun) A Polish officer returning to Warsaw from the Crimea says the former dowager Empress of Russia, now living in Livadia, has been receiving regular letters from her son, the former Czar, Nicholas II.

WAVE OF MORAL FORCE

(New York Evening Telegram.) Accorded the high but not unexpected honor of receiving a high degree from the Sorbonne as "Wilson the Righteous," the President, not uncharacteristically, in reply touched upon his aims.

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NO SWINDLING HERE

PHILADELPHIA is bewailing its annual Christmas club swindle. Philadelphia doesn't know as much about conducting Christmas clubs as does Harrisburg. In this city we operate saving organizations through our banks.

LABOR NOTES

Great Britain's demobilization plans include money grants to civilian and ex-soldiers who are unemployed owing to peace. The recognition of organized labor in Jackson, Miss., is proving a big factor in the adjustment of wages in that territory.

THE DIFFERENCE

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Evening Chat

Conrad Weiser and Shikillimy, to whom is dedicated the fountain which was located in the River Park just below Market street until the city fathers sent it away for some repairs and seem to have forgotten the place, were two of the big figures in the history of the Susquehanna and it is regrettable that the small memorial provided by the will of the late William A. Kelker should not be given better consideration in this city where Weiser held important conferences for the settlement of the colony. As records of Colonial times come to light these figures assume a place in Pennsylvania history which is deserving of far more recognition than they have.

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