

PRESIDENT APPOINTS BUTT'S SUCCESSOR

Major Rhoads, Native of Pennsylvania, Becomes Military Aid.

For the first time in the history of the government the president has selected an army surgeon for his military aid at the White House.

Major Rhoads has been in command of the Walter Reed hospital at Washington. He is a native of Pennsylvania, forty-two years old.

Major Rhoads entered the army as a contract surgeon in 1888, going first to the Philippines, and in 1900 was commissioned as assistant surgeon with the rank of captain.

Major Rhoads has also been stationed at the hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco and at West Point.

When Major Butt went abroad two months ago Major Rhoads was temporarily designated to take his place, which he has done with eminent satisfaction.

TO HONOR COLUMBUS.

Get Ready in Washington For Unveiling of the Statue June 8.

President Taft has appointed the following committee in charge of the Columbus unveiling ceremonies June 8, and it is expected that more than 100,000 persons will be entertained in Washington on that date.

Convention hall in Washington will be the scene of the principal entertainment and banquet. Victor J. Dowling, justice of the supreme court of New York, and Joseph Scott, president of the chamber of commerce and the board of education of Los Angeles, will be the principal speakers.

Delegations from Canada, Mexico, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands and every state in the Union have filed their applications with the national bureau for accommodations during the three days set aside in honor of the discoverer of America.

HARVARD AWARDS HONORS.

Grandson of Longfellow Wins One of the Sheldon Fellowships.

The Frederick Sheldon traveling fellowships for 1912 and 1913 were awarded recently at Harvard.

Henry Wardsworth Longfellow Dana, son of Richard H. Dana and grandson of Longfellow, the poet, was one of the recipients, and he will travel through Europe for research in comparative literature.

The Sheldon traveling fellowships were founded in 1906 from the residuary bequest of Mrs. Amy Richmond Sheldon in memory of her husband, Frederick Sheldon, class of 1842.

The Bayard Cutting Fellowship was awarded to Howard H. Trueblood of Richmond, Ind., for research work in physics. The Cutting fellowship was founded in 1910 in memory of William Bayard Cutting, Jr., of New York.

William S. Learned of Providence R. I., was awarded the Joseph Lee fellowship for research in education.

HEATH SKIRT SPOILS FIGURE

Reducing a Race of Knockkneed Women, Says Doctor.

Dr. Karl Francke, the eminent Munich physician, writes to a medical weekly an attack on the sheath skirt, which, he says, is ruining female figures, stunting development and producing a race of knockkneed women.

The time must come, says Dr. Francke, when it will be a crime to wear tight skirts.

Switchmen to Weld Gavel, Samuel D. Bradner, a switchman in the Southern Pacific yards, was selected as speaker of the house of Arizona's first state legislature.

STORIES OF HEROISM IN NAVAL DISASTERS

Bravery of American and British Officers and Men on Record.

Tragedies of the Trenton, the Oneida, the Huron and the Saginaw.

THE wrecking of the Titanic, with its attendant stories of heroism and suffering, have quickened the memories of naval officers of sea disasters of the past.

From the records in the keeping of the navy it would seem that American and British discipline has been well maintained in the times of stress at sea.

The bandmen of the Titanic went down to death playing. When the tempest of 1888 struck the Samoan coast, and the wreck of the American man-of-war Trenton, Captain Farquhar commanding, was imminent, the members of the ship's band took to the rigging of the old wooden ship and were lashed there by the sailors.

The story of the sinking of the British troopship with the soldiers drawn up in lines upon the deck and going to death unflinchingly and in parade formation, is known to every schoolboy of whatever land.

Running Down of the Oneida.

It was a dark, foggy night. Suddenly out of the gloom loomed the prow of a great steamer. Before even the discipline of a man-of-war could do anything to avert disaster the stem of the approaching steamer crashed into the stern of the Oneida and carried away its whole quarter.

A large number of the Oneida's boats were smashed in the collision and made useless. In the boats that were left there was room for only thirty men.

The surgeon took his place in one of the boats and cast off, the convalescents acting as oarsmen. Captain Williams and his officers went to the bridge. Below them stood the men in groups, calm and motionless.

Loss of the Huron. In November, 1877, the new iron American man-of-war Huron was bound south from New York. When off Nag's head on the coast of North Carolina, the Huron struck the rocks and in less than an hour the disaster was complete.

Water Doled Out by Drops. After days of but little headway and increasing exhaustion the officer in command came to the conclusion that one of the marine instruments was at fault and that they were out of their course.

At dawn the next day they saw the shore before them beyond a white wall of surf. There were men on the beach, and the mariners knew that they were seen.

A Secret. A clever woman once gave a very smart designation of a secret as something for one, enough for two, nothing for three.

The Largest Loom. Germany has the world's largest loom, in which felt disks for paper mills up to 233 feet in circumference can be woven.

ed to show the existence. However, courts of inquiry always are ordered. The cruiser Charleston ran on a rock of which no one knew the existence off the Philippine coast in the year 1900.

Wrecked on an Uncharted Reef.

It was one of those errands on which a government sends its naval vessels when it hasn't much for its officers to do. The Saginaw neared the latitude and the longitude of the island sought at an early hour of the morning.

Queer Springs. In Spain there is a spring of water said to cure lovesick people. Another queer spring is situated in Mexico, the waters of which cure alcoholic cravings, so the legend runs.

Sea Legs.

To keep your footing in a car or on a boat walk with your feet wide apart. This is all there is to "sea legs."

Fusel Oil.

Fusel oil is a byproduct produced in the distillation of alcohol from various substances, including grain, beet and cane molasses and wood.

Trout and Salmon.

A trout is a trout from the day it is born, but not until it gets into the ocean is a salmon a salmon. While it lives in a river it is a parr.

Music and Flowers.

Professor Hans Teitgen of Munich has discovered that flowers are sensitive to music and betray their individual natures by expanding their petals under the influence of certain melodies.

Elephants in Siam.

The whole elephant tribe is looked upon with great veneration by the Siamese. The elephant is the symbolic animal of the country, and, though his ponderous strength is daily used in his master's service, he is man's collaborator, not his beast of burden.

Names in China.

In China married women preserve their own names after marriage, the name of a person being regarded as very important in that country.

A Famous Tea House.

The firm that exported the celebrated chests of tea which were sunk in Boston harbor is still doing business in London. The firm is the oldest established tea house in England.

Wedding Funerals.

In Japan, land of flowers, they hold funeral services at the home of the bride's parents the night she is married. This is to show that the young lady is dead to her father and mother.

Borneo's Marriage Ceremony.

In Borneo the bride and bridegroom sit on metal logs before the priest, who gives them cigars and betel while he blesses them. He waves above them two fowls bound together. The bridegroom then places the betel in his bride's mouth and a cigar between her lips. They are then married.

Austrian English.

The proprietor of a hotel at Prague, Austria, has appended the following notice to his English rate card: "Dissatisfied guests are pleased to bring their afflictions to my own person."

Earliest Transportation. The earliest and simplest conception of transportation is a man astride a log propelling it through the water with his hands and feet.

Dog Meat.

While Amundsen and others differ as to the edibility, digestibility, flavor and appetibility of polar dog meat, old Uncle Hippocrates, the first great scientific observer of the world and one of the most accurate, reckoned a fat puppy as one of the greatest delicacies Greece offered.

Deep Breathing.

Air is to the body what coal is to the furnace. The deeper the breathing the more drafts are turned on and the brighter life burns.

Costly Fishes.

The most beautiful and costly fishes in the world come from China, says the London Mail, and the rarest of all is the brush tail goldfish. Specimens of these have sold for as high as \$140 each, and in Europe the prices range from \$50 to \$100.

Rubber Tires.

Although rubber has been in use since 1745, it was not until 100 years later that it was applied to the wheels of carriages.

The Coffee Tree.

The coffee tree in the valley of the Amazon yields four times as much fruit as in Mexico. But it is not a native. It was introduced from Africa.

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