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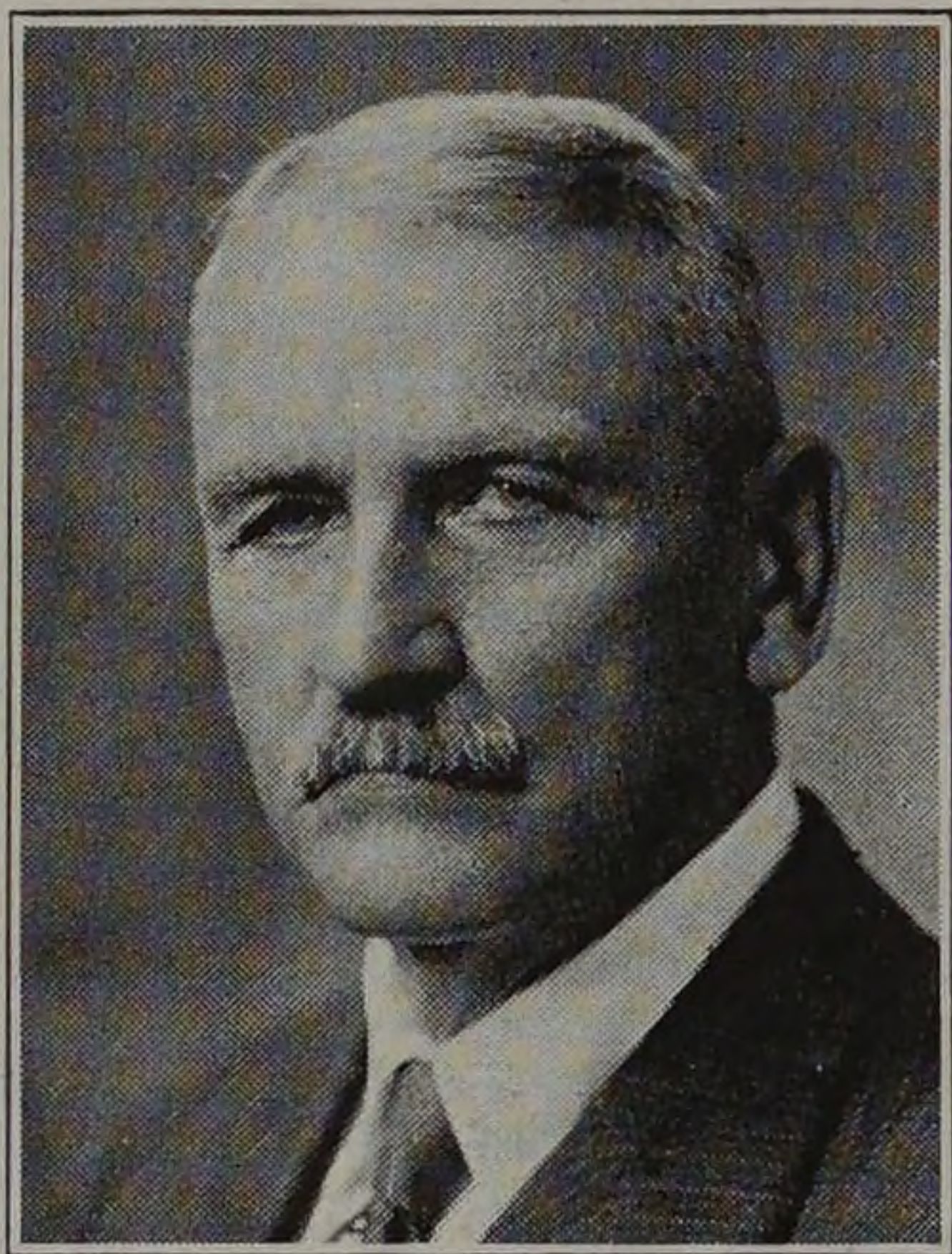
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Last summer, I chanced to be in a little town in the central part of this state. The weather was hot. Those who were on the streets were in a hurry to get to any protecting shade, and those who were in the shade were reluctant to bestir themselves, much less to leave the shelter. Any evidence of energy being expended was cause enough for comment. There is little wonder that my attention was attracted by the efforts of two young men engaged in the trying task of coaxing a decrepit excuse for an automobile, with two flat tires, into town. They succeeded. That is to say that the car bumped along the road to the centre of the town where the engine died a most violent death, accompanied with the explosion of another tire.

The occupants of the car disengaged themselves from the equipage and began their search for assistance. My mildly aroused curiosity was heightened when, upon careful scrutiny necessitated by a heavy covering of dust and grime, I discovered that these two were members of last year's senior civil class.



DR. JOHN F. STEVENS

Dr. John F. Stevens, President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, has received many honors from his fellow engineers and also from various governments. In 1889, Dr. Stevens entered the service of the Great Northern Railroad as locating engineer in the Rockies, and later as a construction engineer. In this capacity he came into the limelight as a great Railroad Builder. In 1903, he was made Chief Engineer of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry., becoming Second Vice-President the following year. He was appointed to the staff of Chief Engineers of the Panama Canal in 1905. Since this time he has been president of several railroads, chairman of the railway engineers sent to Siberia by the U. S. to increase the efficiency of the 5,500 miles of road stretching from Kola Bay to Vladivostok, and finally has entered into private consulting practice.

Dr. Stevens' record of engineering work is one that should be a source of inspiration to all engineering students. While only the facts of his various works are given, if we were to delve deeper into the story of each we would find drama, showing the struggle of man to control the forces of nature, with man finally emerging victoriously.