

DISCOVERS PIKE'S PEAK IN YEAR 1806

FACTS ABOUT IT RELATED

Zebulon Pike First Man to See Famous Mountain in Colorado; History of That Event Given

Nearly everyone knows that Pike's Peak was discovered by a man named Pike, but few have read the interesting history of the intrepid explorer who was the son of a Revolutionary soldier and himself a veteran of 1812. In writing about Pike in the current issue of the National Republic, H. O. Bishop says:

Early Explorer
"This early explorer of the interior of the United States was born in the quiet village of Lamberton, N. J. He was born in 1779, three years after John Hancock and the other fifty-five patriots signed the Declaration of Independence. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war under the illustrious Washington. The family moved from New Jersey to Bucks County, Pa., and later to Easton, Pa.

"The early educational advantages of Pike were slight. At a one-room log school he learned to read, write, and do a little figuring. While still a boy he began the life of a soldier, serving in his father's company, stationed out on the then frontier. He was on fire with ambition, and was determined to be more than a private. Every moment while off duty was devoted to study and reading. He mastered, without the aid of a teacher, French, Spanish, Latin and mathematics, and was known among his acquaintances as a widely read man. He did not long remain in the ranks, but was made a lieutenant of infantry."

November 15, 1806
"It was on November 15, 1806, that Pike got his first glimpse of the high mountain peak which was destined to permanently fix his name in history. From his journal are taken the following notes as he penned them in those days of long ago:

"November 15th. March early. Passed two deep creeks and many high points or rocks; also, large herds of buffalo.

"At two o'clock in the afternoon I thought I could distinguish a mountain to our right, which appeared like a small blue cloud; viewed it with my spy glass, and was still more confirmed in my conjecture, yet only communicated it to Dr. Robinson, who was in front with me; but in half an hour they appeared in full view before us. When our small party arrived on the hill they with one accord gave three cheers to the Mexican mountains."

BRITAIN IS CENTER OF EUROPEAN STRIFE

SO DECLARES TRAVELER

Says British Isles Carrying More Than Share of White Man's Burden and Are Carrying On

The British Isles are in the very vortex upon which centers all the jealousies, the bickerings, the ambitions and intrigue of European nations that lead toward war, as well as the center of the international peace movement, according to Dr. F. B. Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches, after returning from a ten weeks' intensive study of political conditions, mainly in England, France and Italy.

Dr. Smith's views are encompassed in a report which he has just completed for the World Alliance.

"The British Isles," says his report, "are carrying more than their just proportion of the white man's burden in preserving peace. They are taxed as no other people are taxed. They are the buffers for critical European complications and they are being vexed and tried with Oriental discords. But without a murmur or a sniveling whine they are carrying on undaunted in their endeavor to maintain peace in the world."

A World Traveler

Dr. Smith has crossed the Atlantic ocean sixty-six times, in connection with the promotion of some social welfare task of international importance. He has also crossed the Pacific ocean eleven times and has gone around the world five times on similar errands. While on the trip from which he has just returned, he spoke during the month of March in the City Temple of London, attended the national convention of the Free Church council, and the national council of the Young Men's Christian association, but mainly he interviewed large numbers of leaders in the countries he visited and made personal studies at the more important centers. His report says:

"Great Britain, United States, France, Italy, Germany and Russia are the nations upon whom international peace chiefly depends. Britain, Dr. Smith found, desperately wants

peace and is the balancing factor working toward that end.

We Want Peace
"The United States also wants peace, and there seems to be an opinion on the part of leaders in almost every country that America has some mysterious power, which, if properly exerted, can prevent another war. While the European powers may not agree with the political or economic programs of the United States, they have confidence that American strength and influence can prevent war.

"France wants peace but fears war, and therefore maintains her preparedness for the latter.

"Italy is definitely embarked on an expansionist-consolidation program and cares neither for peace or war. Italy is one of the uncertain quantities in the problem of Europe's peace. Germany is disarmed and making rapid strides toward full economic recovery. Germany wants peace, but the very fact of her great economic and industrial activity, forcing her products into foreign markets, makes her an uncertain quantity.

"Russia is the international question mark."

Dr. Osborn, a famous scientist, says that science now shows that man never was an ape. This is going to be a severe disappointment for Clarence Darrow.

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LESS PESTIFEROUS ALUMNI ARE NEEDED

BANE OF COLLEGE SCORED

Writer in Scribners Tells How They Might Become Greater Aid to Schools; Purpose of Education

How the alumni may become less "pestiferous" and more helpful is suggested by Wilfred B. Shaw, recently elected president of the American Alumni Council, in an article in the June Scribners Magazine.

Mr. Shaw is editor of the Michigan Alumnus, graduate publication of the University of Michigan, and is general secretary of the alumni association of the university. He replies to criticism of college graduates and goes to the root of the conflict between the faculty of a college and its graduates.

Must Recognize Aim

"In the first place," says Mr. Shaw, "the alumni must recognize that the fundamental aim of the university is education—not merely the studies listed in the annual catalogue, but training for life. Not alone knowledge from books or teachers, but the things of the spirit, which have their share in the training of the mind, body, and will. Few university graduates would question this statement; but some, and unfortunately they often wield a certain influence in graduate councils, show no recognition of this ideal in their ordinary relations to the university. Peculiarly is this true of those alumni who believe, or at least act as if they believed, that the university existed for athletics, instead of at least putting the proposition the other way round. We all know them. While they may pay lipservice to what would seem to be the fairly obvious and natural reason for the university's existence, they are sure to resent any limitations which the educational welfare

of the university may place upon the chances for a championship.

Second Premise

"A second premise which must be granted by college graduates, if they are to co-operate effectively in university affairs, is that the educational task of the university should be left pretty largely in the hands of experts

—the faculties. We are all of us familiar with that traditional figure of the absent-minded professor.

"But this gentle figure is, for the most part, of an older generation, though it is more than likely that he figures in our fondest memories. The university teacher of the present is

pretty apt to be decidedly a man of affairs, a trained executive who might do far better for himself away from college halls if it were not for its own sake which lead him to accept the less conspicuous rewards of a university career."



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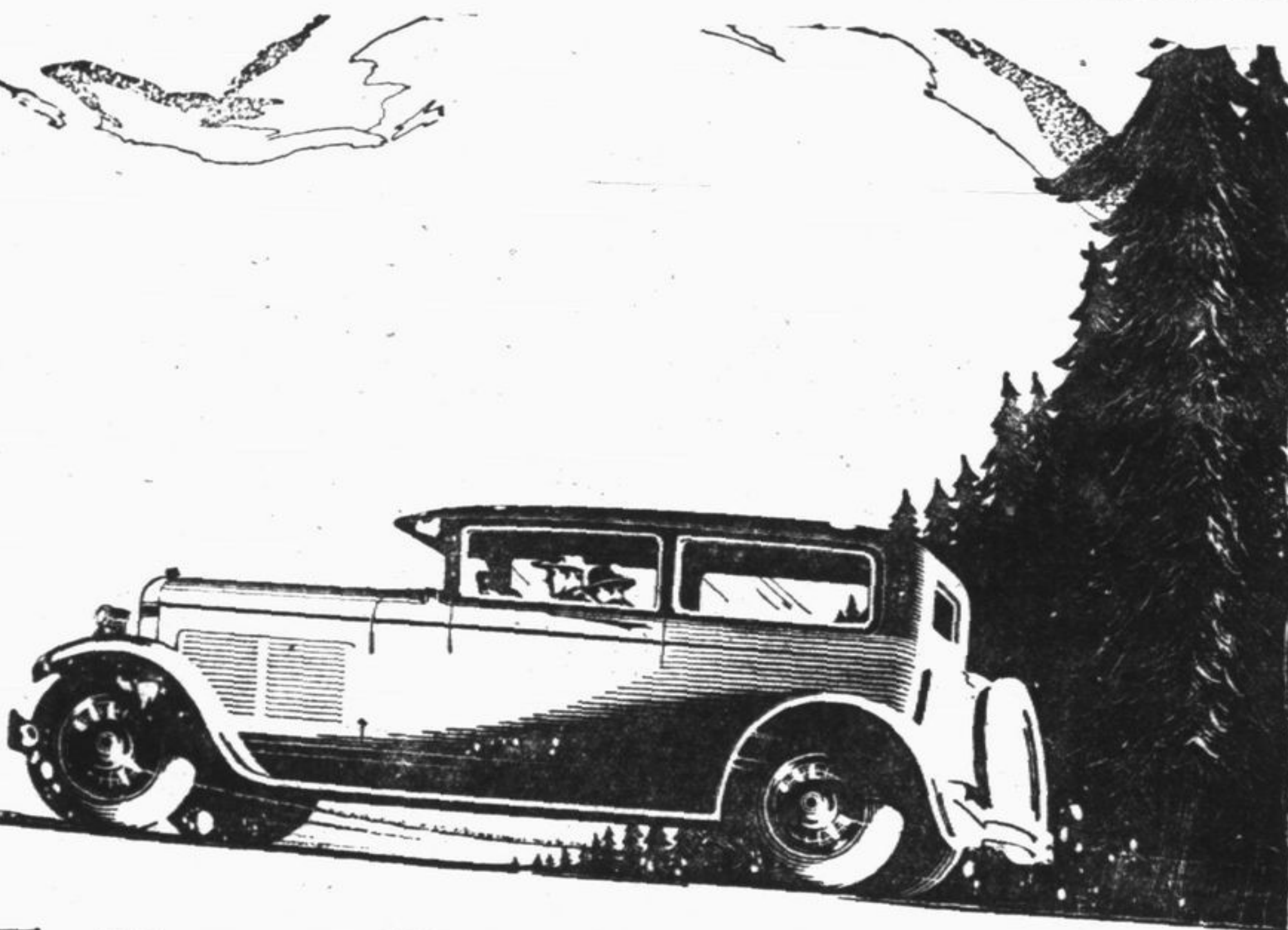
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