

# PRINCE

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1        Here's an old, old story, a favorite  
2 theme for sentimental and high-flown  
3 romance -- a Prince of ancient noble  
4 family and an American heiress. But I  
5 see mention here of what seems to be a  
6 most unseemly name. The name is Ellis  
7 Island. We are told that some people  
8 are trying to have the Prince held,  
9 detained, or otherwise kept in captivity  
10 at Ellis Island.

11        The nobleman is Prince Geronimo  
12 Rospigliosi, member of one of the most  
13 ancient houses of Italy, a family that  
14 has been famous for centuries.

15        The heiress is the former Marian  
16 Snowden, of Minneapolis. Bride and  
17 bridegroom are on shipboard now, coming  
18 to the United States, and it's the  
19 bride's family that wants the Princely  
20 bridegroom held at Ellis Island. They  
21 want the government to refuse him entrance  
22 to the country.

23        The United Press tells the romantic  
24 tale of a secret wedding in November. It  
25 was an elopement. Marian Snowden was in

1 Italy. Prince Rospigliosi courted her.  
2 Her family was bitterly opposed. They  
3 say that the girl escaped from her  
4 relatives and was taken away by the Prince.  
5 The young couple was married in a small  
6 village where the local chapel <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a part  
7 of the estates of the Rospigliosi family.

8 But the wealthy Snowdens ~~family~~  
9 Minneapolis <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ not reconciled. And now  
10 while the young couple are on their way  
11 to the United States efforts are being  
12 made to have Prince Rospigliosi held at  
13 Ellis Island. The reason as given concerns  
14 money, that familiar root of all evil.  
15 There is mention that the American girl  
16 is now an Italian subject, and that  
17 according to Italian law a woman is  
18 responsible for her husband's debts. And  
19 there is mention of debts amounting to  
20 half-a-million dollars. Into the story  
21 enter the executors who are in charge of  
22 the Snowden estate, and the bank that  
23 holds the Princess' share of the large  
24 inheritance.

25 These financial details may or may

1 not be true, but anyway the discordant  
2 name of Ellis Island enters into the  
3 romance of the Prince of ancient family  
4 and the American heiress.

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2 Long Island, today, and he said he was on  
3 his way to Heaven.

4 The arrest was made in connection  
5 with the killing of Mrs. Agnes Iisley  
6 and her maid, who were found beaten to  
7 death five days ago at Middleburg,  
8 Virginia. A negro chauffeur named George  
9 Crawford is suspected, and is being sought  
10 by the police. The man arrested today  
11 is a negro who answers the description of  
12 the chauffeur.

13 The New York Sun relates how he was  
14 hitch-hiking his way along, picking up  
15 rides in automobiles, when the police  
16 picked him up, and he told them he was on  
17 his way to Heaven.

18 What he meant by Heaven was the  
19 home of a local prophet in Sayville, <sup>Long Island.</sup> This  
20 prophet is called the Negro Messiah, and  
21 he is said to be the leader of a large  
22 group whose wild and woolly religious  
23 activities have been threatening to cause  
24 trouble.

25 In any event, that Iisley murder



1 case takes a curious turn with the  
2 entrance of a strange cult, and the  
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4 bears the exalted name of the Negro  
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1 (President Hoover announced today  
2 that Ambassador Charles G. Dawes will be  
3 the head of the 2-billion-dollar  
4 reconstruction finance corporation.) The  
5 Associated Press adds that Ambassador  
6 Dawes will retire as head of the American  
7 delegation to the Geneva Arms Conference.  
8 Secretary-of-State Stimson will  
9 represent Uncle Sam at the big disarmament  
10 pow-wow. <sup>¶</sup> This is the most important news  
11 from Washington today, in addition to  
12 which come tidings that the Senate has  
13 appropriated 15,000 dollars to finance  
14 an investigation into the state of affairs  
15 in Hawaii. The Department of Justice  
16 will do the investigating, and try to  
17 find out what's at the bottom of the  
18 trouble in the Paradise of the Pacific.

19 Senator Borah introduced a bill in  
20 the Senate today, the purpose of which is  
21 to cut all government salaries <sup>that are over</sup> ~~above~~  
22 5,000 dollars a year. The Associated  
23 Press quotes the Senator as estimating  
24 that the cut would save the taxpayers more  
25 than 200 million dollars a year.

1 In Paris today Premier Laval told the  
2 Chamber of Deputies authoritatively that  
3 France will not consent to the cancella-  
4 tion of German reparations. That is,  
5 France won't consent to a reduction of  
6 reparations unless her own creditors  
7 will consent to take less money too, and  
8 that means the United States for one.

9 ~~thing.~~ What France means to say is that <sup>✓</sup>  
10 ~~If we~~ <sup>Uncle Sam</sup> won't ~~consent to~~ cut the debt that  
11 France owes us, France won't cut the debt  
12 that Germany owes her.

13 The Associated Press adds that the  
14 President of the Chamber of Deputies  
15 made the same sort of declaration.  
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2 followers of Mahatma Gandhi. <sup>But</sup> ~~it~~ happened  
3 in Tokio. That's right - not Bombay  
4 or Calcutta <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ Tokio.

5 It appears that a number of  
6 natives of India live in the Japanese  
7 capital, and many of them are enthusiastic  
8 over the ideas of the Mahatma. They  
9 tried to pay a visit to the British  
10 Embassy in the Japanese capital, and have  
11 a talk with the British ambassador.  
12 When they were refused admission, they  
13 proceeded to stage a lively riot. They  
14 smashed the windows of the Embassy. <sup>And then,</sup>  
15 cables the Associated Press, ~~and they~~  
16 forced their way into the building.

17 There was a lively rumpus  
18 until the Japanese police restored order,  
19 and took four of the disturbers away to  
20 jail.

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1 Let's take an informal excursion  
2 -- no, not to Africa, Asia, or the South  
3 Seas. Our adventurous jaunt is stranger  
4 than that. Let's take an informal  
5 excursion into the era of the 2-hour  
6 working day. That's the way this week's  
7 Literary Digest describes it. It's also  
8 the way Doctor C. C. Furnas of Yale  
9 describes it.

10 ~~Now~~ <sup>But</sup> ~~Now~~, wait a minute, let's get  
11 this ~~thing~~ clear. <sup>I've got to be careful</sup> ~~I don't want to get~~  
12 ~~hauled up~~, because the learned Yale  
13 Professor is right here beside me, and  
14 I might offend his logical faculties.

15 The Literary Digest tells us of a  
16 rather startling new book called  
17 "America's Tomorrow." It is by Doctor  
18 Furnas, <sup>The author</sup> ~~and he~~ describes <sup>his</sup> ~~that~~ really  
19 adventurous volume as an informal  
20 excursion into the era of the 2-hour  
21 working day.

22 Now we've got it straight. Isn't  
23 that so, Doctor Furnas? Yes, that's right,  
24 folks, for I see the erudite Doctor  
25 smiling and nodding his academic approval.

1 The Literary Digest goes on to tell  
2 us something about "America's Tomorrow."  
3 I mean, it tells us about the book, and  
4 also about the tomorrow that America is  
5 going to have. I must keep these things  
6 straight, or the Doctor is liable to give  
7 me an academic frown.

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8 Let's take the question: Where is  
9 the Machine Age leading us? Well,  
10 Doctor Furnas gazes into the future with  
11 a prophetic eye and gives us an answer.  
12 He isn't against machines -- he's for  
13 them. He thinks the Machine Age is going  
14 to bring us to a better and happier  
15 condition of life. There will be many  
16 problems, he admits, difficult problems,  
17 and he shows them to us. But in the  
18 end Mankind, with <sup>all these</sup> ~~the~~ constantly  
19 increasing machines, will arrive at what  
20 is mighty near the millenium -- the 2-hour  
21 working day. *Oh Boy, and Heaven speed the day.*

22 I wish I could explain these matters  
23 the way Doctor Furnas does. You know  
24 what a delight it is to come across those  
25 deep scientific things that ordinarily



1 scare us <sup>only to</sup> ~~and~~ find them written in a way  
2 that carries you along with plenty of  
3 human simplicity and lots of humor.  
4 In fact, Doctor Furnas' book has a  
5 unique way of telling the story, and I  
6 wonder how he happened to hit upon it.  
7 I suppose in the middle of his scientific  
8 researches he found some way to -- but  
9 wait a minute, what's the use of my  
10 getting all wound up and trying to figure  
11 it out. Here's the genial scientist  
12 himself. ~~Why shouldn't he explain it?~~  
13 Come on, Doctor, ~~and~~ give a fellow a  
14 hand. Tell us how you came to write  
15 your book "America's Tomorrow," in that  
16 lively and informal way.

1 I am rather lazy by temperament  
2 so I wrote <sup>the book</sup> in the easiest way possible  
3 that is, informally. I pretended all the  
4 time that some of my friends were sitting  
5 across the table from me and that we  
6 were talking about the debatable point  
7 in our present social system. In fact  
8 one of my best friends, my wife, often  
9 was there to contribute <sup>her bit, and</sup> ~~any of the~~  
10 ~~worth-while features of the work~~ and to  
11 keep the pencil sharpened. A great many  
12 of the items actually are re-written  
13 conversations with working-men, with  
14 bridge partners, and, with professors, with  
15 and without beards. These conversations  
16 ~~have~~ spoiled a good many pool games,  
17 caused my friends to miss <sup>sinking</sup> ~~putting~~ the  
18 eighth ball in the corner pocket and have  
19 even caused us more than once to order  
20 a second drink--of coffee.

21 Not long ago I went to a lecture  
22 advertised as learned. I thought it would  
23 do me good. I hadn't been there five  
24 minutes before I wished that I were  
25 absent. The well-fed spell-binder



1 certainly did lay down the law to us  
2 scientists and engineers. We were told  
3 in no uncertain terms that machines were  
4 driving the world to the dogs and that  
5 we engineers were responsible. After  
6 three hours of that, I began to believe  
7 that he must be right, and I came out  
8 with my collar loose and so convinced  
9 of the depravity of my calling that I  
10 decided to ditch the whole engineering  
11 profession and buy myself a spinning  
12 wheel, or take up basket weaving or  
13 some other form of household art.

14 But just as I was leaving, I saw the  
15 esteemed lecturer ride away in the finest  
16 taxi-cab in town! The old hypocrite!!!  
17 I suppose he thought that taxi-cab was  
18 like an ox-cart, with hand labor.

19 Well, anyway, I immediately recovered  
20 my self-esteem, and decided to put off  
21 my basket-weaving for a while.

22 Did you ever stop to realize how much  
23 of your existence really depends on the  
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1 machine. If our machine age is a crime  
2 then every one of you is a criminal for  
3 you are listening to me with a device  
4 which science and the machine has given  
5 us.

6 We are going to solve our troubles  
7 by having more machines, not fewer. I  
8 am not exaggerating when I say that in  
9 the future most of the drudgery of the  
10 world will be done by two or three hours  
11 of work per day, per person (this does  
12 not include college professors). And  
13 the standard of living will be higher  
14 than at present.

15 I forgot myself. I thought I was  
16 starting on a two hour lecture and I had  
17 some other things I wanted to say about  
18 the problems of leisure. But I see that  
19 Mr. Thomas is giving me one of those  
20 "Time-Up" frowns.

21 But, just remember the great  
22 fundamental principle that man would rather  
23 ride than walk.  
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You certainly are right Doctor. And to prove it just listen to this :-

I have bits of news here from various parts of the country, and they're all about the same sort of thing - automobile shows.

This is the open season for those displays of cars which catch the fancy of all of us, ~~who are interested in automobiles~~. Thousands of people in every section of the country are talking about this or that slick looking model at the show.

Last week's automative extravaganza in New York was a huge success, and the reports coming in from the various shows that are being held ~~across~~ ~~in this~~ <sup>the</sup> country, sing the same cheery song, crowds, ~~and~~ <sup>pushing</sup> crowds, and ~~plenty of~~ sales galore.

Here's a characteristic example. ~~It's~~ a report from the Brooklyn ~~automobile~~ show that started yesterday and runs all week. They're having record breaking crowds. Yesterday's attendance was 53% over the first day ~~attendance~~ for last year. And that is



1 bringing loud cheers from <sup>Manager</sup> Ralph Ebbert,  
2 ~~the manager of the show.~~

3 ~~Ralph Ebbert,~~ <sup>And he,</sup> by the way, is  
4 an old time newspaper man. He used to  
5 be make-up man on the Philadelphia  
6 Public Ledger. And the way that  
7 Brooklyn show is going this year  
8 doesn't make Ralph regret one bit that  
9 he left the city room for the ~~automobile~~  
10 industry <sup>that's on wheels.</sup>

11 Well, that Brooklyn show and the  
12 automobile exhibitions that are being  
13 held in your neighborhood, are all  
14 vivid pictures of the almost miraculous  
15 progress that the <sup>machine age has achieved.</sup> ~~automotive engineers~~  
16 ~~are achieving.~~

17 Dr. Furnas has just told me of a  
18 machine in Milwaukee that turns out most  
19 of the automobile frames in the country.  
20 And that machine is geared up to such  
21 efficiency that it turns out one complete  
22 automobile frame in every eight seconds.



1           And while we're on the free wheeling subject, let's go  
2 along to what must be the most unusual alibi on record. In fact,  
3 it was a startling alibi.

4           This story ought to go well with the boys over in the  
5 Brooklyn Automobile Show. You see it happened in Brooklyn.

6           The New York Evening Post tells tonight of a remarkable  
7 occurrence. Stephen Connolly, driving along Flatbush Avenue,  
8 ran into a lot of things, including a trolley car and the fenders  
9 of two other automobiles. And then he nearly ran into Patrolman  
10 Michael Finnegan. The cop jumped on the running board to find out  
11 why all the free and indiscriminate wheeling. Whereupon Connolly  
12 knocked the officer of the law into the street by running into  
13 an elevated pillar. When the wild and wooly gent at the wheel  
14 was duly arrested, he came forth with the following alibi:- He  
15 said he'd never driven an auto before. He didn't even know how  
16 to start the fool contraption.  
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1 Some friends of his pushed the car to  
2 get it going. Then Connolly stepped  
3 on "something" and he was off on his  
4 wild ride. He was taken to a hospital  
5 to get a few cuts patched up, and then  
6 to jail.

7 And that Doctor is some more  
8 of this Machine Age. But, you're  
9 quite right. We'd rather ride  
10 than ~~the~~ walk — so let's ride,  
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