ROCKEFELLER "WHISPERED A TELEGRAM TO RAISE THE PRICE OF GASOLINE" IN ORDER TO PAY HIS INCOME TAX, SAYS BIRSKY

By MONTAGUE GLASS

Then, With Zapp, He Seeks Some Means to Emulate the Oil Magnate in the Gentle Art of Dodging Taxes

Zapp Decides That "It Don't Do No Harm That Once in a Year a Business Man Should Be Made to Tell the Truth-Even if It Would Only Be on an Average of 60 Cents Truth on the Dollar"

After Which the Friends Agree That the Next Person Who Says to Them, "You Should Ought to Be Glad That You've Got an Income Big Enough to Pay Taxes On Would Find Out How a Man Who Could Be a Perfect Gentleman When He Wants to Be Could Also Act Like a Loafer at Times"

"I T'S all been figured out, Birsky," Barnett Zapp, the waist manufacturer, said as he withdrew from his breast pocket a long brown envelope containing his income tax return, "that 6.31416 per cent, of the people of the United States must got to pay income tax, and 85.99 per cent. of the remainder says to them, 'You should ought to be glad that you've got an income big enough to pay taxes on.' So I might just as well let you know right here and now, Birsky, that the next feller which says that to me would find out how a man who could be a perfect gentleman when he wants to be could also act like a loafer at

"Say," Louis Birsky, the real income tax returns myself for over a month now, Zapp, and I tried phenacetin and I tried strong, black cof-

"Well, don't you know, 'Were you single or married with wife or husband living with you on December 31 of the year for which this return is

Birsky nodded his head despair-

Gott sei dank, so she left here at 9 tax I should stuntify myself! What the income tax people o'clock December 30, and didn't get for? Am I right or wrong?" home till January 4."

Zapp advised. "How should they zoid Fillum Preferred," Zapp said. know that your wife was visiting her Birsky turned pale. sister in Rochester on that day?"



"He whispered a telegram to raise gasoline."

brokers he done out of commissions, prised to hear you talk that way, tenants he dispossessed and fellers Zapp." which think he stuck 'em on certain | "What do you mean-surprised to estater, protested, "I got one of them Rochester on December 31, and the twenty to a thousand dollars a fine. | selves brokers for \$75.25?" fee, and all I've filled out so far is my In the same way I considered should rendered?" " said Zapp, quoting from | am playing every Saturday night with and I figured to myself that some Sat- this?" urday night along about the second "Mind you, Zapp, I begged that of March if I should shoot a king of would got to see her sister and wait till Monday morning before he

"Well, put it in anyway that she in that \$75.25 which you were telling 15 \$68.25, and they ask you did you Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was living with you on December 31," me you made last September in Trape- enter it on line 22 of your income tax y'understand, and that he got 1984

A Prize Baby

Little Molly Mayblussom was awarded

During her short

sojourn in this bright world baby has not known a

single sick day! This is entirely due to

tender faithful care of her small mother. Lit-tis Molly won a sec-

ond prize for being the brightest baby in the welfare ex-hibit. She is a living

example of what fresh air, sunshine

first prize for beauty in the Baby Welfare

Show. She is 10 months old and weight

Happytows. Pa. and pure milk can do to make better babies!

Honor Roll Contest

deals, y'understand, and all of them hear me talk that way?" Zapp reiortroshoyin would be only too glad to ed. "When I got stung on that Interwrite to the income tax people a national Chocolate and Cocoa common synonymous letter mit an alias name , last September, Birsky, didn't you call signed to it, that my wife was in me all kinds of suckers for putting my good ninety dollars into that thing, consequence is to save a \$10 note, I and didn't you show me a check from am running a chance of getting from one of them Ganevim which call them- all the expert bookkeepers he's got,

"I showed you a check for \$75,25?" I or should I not put in under 'Line Birsky cried. "That only goes to show 22 total amount derived from other what for a friend you are, Zapp! In sources not enumerated above' the the first place, the check was for \$2.50 a week on an average which I \$68.25, and in the second place, when am winning in the pinochle game I I tell you something in the strictest Old Man Farkas, B. Rashkind and acting like a gentleman that you Weiss in the handkerchief business; throw it up in my teeth at a time like of gasoline a couple cents a gallon."

Zapp shrugged his shoulders.

because sooner or later, Birsky, that's Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illicome tax people.

sigh of envy. "He imports imported business six thousand dollars. He should worry about income taxes!"

"Say!" Zapp rejoined. "You think you are in had. Listen for a moment what it must be to a feiler like Charles L. Schwab or Abraham Carnegic, I bet you Mr. Chenegie started to make up his 1916 income tax or July 4, 1902, by hiring two floors in the Singer Building and a force of a 150 certified public accountants, and probably right now he is giving a thousand dollars to a stomach specialist for a letter saying that he has got Magenbeschwerden, so that he could get a postponement under 'No. 5, When the return is not filed in the regular time by reason of sickness an extension of 30 days may be granted, provided a written application therefor is period for which such extension is desired,' y'understand."

"That's nothing," Birsky said. "Take, for instance," John D. Rockafellar, and after his bookkeepers got through filling out 'No. 21, Total amount derived from royalties from mines, oil wells, patents, franchises or other legalized privileges, Zapp, I adding machines was ruined on account they wasn't built to take such heavy figures like they run through

"Well, what difference does it make how heavy them figures was?" Zapp said. "On the other side of the page stands 'No. 35, Amount allowed to cover depletion in case of mines and oil wells,' y'understand, and you could take it from me, Birsky, a smart business man like Rockafellar, with would easy fill out No. 35 in such a way that them income tax people couldn't prove otherwise but what they owed Mr. Rockafellar \$189,-

"You're right, Zapp," Birsky said, "and, anyhow, Zapp, all he's got to do confidence, Zapp, do you think you are to pay his income tax for 1915 to 1962, inclusive, is to put up the price

"He done that already, Birsky," Zapp said. "In fact, Birsky, he put it "For my part, Birsky, you could of up so high that they appointed a comwoman she should stay home and tend trump through that Strohschneider made \$6825," he said, "and entered it mittee of Congressmen to investigate to the house," he declared with a bit- Weiss, and he goes back on a 350 up as 'No. 32, losses actually sustained it; and while they ain't reported yet, ter emphasis on the word begged, "but | Schuppe hand by a couple of points, during the year incurred in trade or | Birsky, the best evidence shows that she said it was the last chance she y'understand, he wouldn't be able to arising from fires, storms or ship- when Mr. Rockafellar started to fill wrecks and not compensated by in- out 'No. 12, Total amount derived brother-in-law in Rochester before snitzes on me to the income tax people. surance or otherwise. What is it my from salaries and wages, y'underthey moved away to San Francisco, For a dollar and a half more income | business? And, anyhow, Birsky, if stand, he discovered that under the and says they want to look at your Court he was presidents of 1984 "Then I suppose you would also put bankbook, and they see on September companies which used to was the return, and if not why not, Birsky, all salaries amounting to \$35,624,380.you've got to do, Birsky, is to tell 50-100, understand me. He then "I told you I made \$75.25 in that them that the \$68.25 was given to you figured out the income tax on it to be "Listen, Zapp," Birsky said, "a real fillum stock?" he exclaimed. "When by a curb broker to keep it for a little equivalence to an increase of 4 cents estater is got a whole lot of enemies- did I told you such a thing? I'm sur- while for him until he wants it again, on a gallon gasoline in New York,

what's going to happen to your \$68.25. nois and done so immediately. After-Nobody can do you nothing for telling ward Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey the truth, Birsky-not even the in- was added when he figured out the 'ncome tax on 'No. 16, Total amount "My wife's Uncle Julius has got the derived from interest on notes, mortlaugh on all of us," Birsk said, with a gages, bank deposits and securities other than reported on lines 17 and English briar root pipes from Ger- 20, y'understand, and when he got many, and last year he lost in his down to No. 22, Total amount derived from other sources not enumerated above,' y'understand, and the chief bookkeeper showed him the figures, understand me, after they had loosened his collar, fanned him and given him smelling salts, he raised his head and, summoning all his strength, he whispered a telegram to raise gasoline 10 cents a gallon throughout the whole United States, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany and the West Indian Islands; and that's the way it happened, Birsky."

"He's only fooling himself at that," Birsky commented, "because in 1917, when it comes time to fix up his income tax return again, he's got staring him in the face all them profits which he made out of gasoline in 1916, and which he would got to enter up made by the individual within the under 'No. 14, Total amount derived from business, trade, commerce or sales or dealings in property, whether real or personal,' y'understand; and when he sees what an income tax he's got to pay on it, Zapp, he'll kick himself that he didn't reduce the price of gasoline instead of raising it. I tell you, Zapp, money ain't everything after all. It used to be considered wouldn't be surprised that two dozen 1000 a year was a lucky man, but nowadays when he's got to pay in addition to the regular 1 per cent, tax a super tax of 6 per cent., he leads a dawg's life, Zapp.'

"Well, he might just so well put a smiling face on it, Birsky, because he's got more coming to him yet," Zapp said. "Next year we would all got to pay a State income tax as well as a Federal income tax."

"Sure, I know," Birsky said, "and I provided for it."



"Could also act like a loafer at times."

"With a little cold meat from yesterday's dinner."

Illustrations by BRIGGS

"What do you mean-you provided your best customer would of failed on or it?" Zapp demanded.

"Why, in this here State income tax," Birsky explained, "there's an exemption of \$100 for each child you get, Zapp, which it don't make no difference if you got a child oder an adopted child, Zapp, you get marked off a hundred dollars, anyhow. So I figure that if I would go to work and adopt from an orphan asylum enough children to offset my income, y'understand, I could put 'em to work selling papers, and from the proceeds I could

"It's a good idee, Birsky," Zapp agreed; "but what show does a feller like you stand to carry it out?"

board 'em and have a surplus to ap-

"Why not?" Birsky asked.

ply on my Federal income tax."

"Because you'll find that all them multimillionaires has already bought options on every orphan asylum in the United States," Zapp replied, "and if after offsetting their incomes them millionaires has got any orphans left on their hands, Birsky, you

taxed nowadays people don't want to come tax, anyway?" make money no more. In fact, if these "Well, I'll tell you, Birsky," Zapp say to him, 'Hallo, Max. You look like on the dollar.'

you,' he will say, 'I wish he had.' Why what's the trouble?' you ask him, a. I his eyes fill with tears. 'Business is terrible,' he tells you. 'Last year we made over a hundred thousand dollars and this year it's worse yet. We got out our trial balance yesterday and it looks like we are ahead a hundred and fifty thousand dollars.' Considering that this brings him under the 4 per cent. super tax and he's got ruin staring him in the face, what can you say to such a feller, Zapp?"

"Nothing," Zapp replied, "except to tell him when him and his family is starving in two rooms on Forsyth street, on account they only got a hundred and forty-four thousand dollars a year left to live on, Birsky, that your wife would call round there with once in a while a little cold meat from yesterday's dinner or some Grade B milk for the baby."

"Aber joking aside," Birsky said. "the United States was able to pay could bet your life that the very least | its bills before they had an income they would hold them at would be \$50 | tax and everybody was satisfied. whereas nowadays they don't raise r "I don't agree with you, Zapp," more money by it and everybody is Birsky said. "The way incomes is kicking, so what is the use of an in-

here income taxes keep up, Zapp, it said, "it don't do no harm that once in will soon be that if you meet a feller a year a business man should be made on the subway with one of them Ai to tell the truth-even if it would be Rachmones! looks on his face, and you on an average only sixty cents truth

Rainbow Membership 30,000 Counting Babies!

News and Views of Farmer Smith's Rainbow Club

SPECIAL Baby Week Number

HURRAH FOR BABY WEEK!

Mercy sakes! This is Baby Week!

We do not know who selected this blustery March week as Baby Week, but we presume they did it because most of the babies are sneezing and really We hope Children's Day will be the first Saturday in June.

Now, if you have a baby doll, why not take care of her? Wipe her face off very nice and clean, comb her hair beautifully and fix it in a new way, and if her dress is dirty, have it washed, even if the dear little thing has to stay in bed while you are doing it.

Then, of course, you must give a party to the baby doll and have all the other little dolls attend. Cambric tea is very good for baby dolls, if you do not put too much

After you have done this, sit down and tell your editor just how it was done, so that other little mothers will know how to properly care for their baby dolls.

We are not going to let the grown-ups get the best of us, no, siree! FARMER SMITH, Children's Editor, EVENING LEDGER.

Personals

Mrs. Janet Thomas, Haddonfield, and Mary Pickford, spent Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Susanna Kessler. Owing to the serious illness of her roungest daughter, Dolly Dimple, Mrs.

reungest daughter, Dolly Dimple, Mrs. Jane Dagit, of Pine street, has postponed the tea to be held in honor of her oldest daughter, Marion Harland Dagit.

Mrs. Esther Miller, her twins, Barbara Freitchie and William Penn, and their sunt, Miss Elizabeth Chase, all of Roxborough, are spending the week-end with Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, of Bustleton, Pa. Mrs. Phylins Edwards, of the Hotel Strand, Atlantic City, entertained at a lineheon and cards on Thursday in honor of her daughter. Miss Pearl White Chara Kimbail Young.

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The first meeting of the Dolls' Suffrage Dalon was held hast Tuesday in Cynwyd at the home of Everada Van Braam Gray-Prominent among the speakers was Emmaline Pankhurst, who spoke long and will on the advisability of allowing doll carriages on the street cars.

Miss freme Fisher, South 4th street, was seen on Chestnut street inst Thursday yearing an extremely attractive Alice peacest bine gown. She was accompanied by her stunning young dauguter. Manie

The following children won the prizes for cusweller the q cations of "Things to Know" for the week calling March 1 Millio Zeelilo, South 15th steed 31, at a range Arch street, 50 cents, the hallmon, Column Pa. 26 cents, Sach Braces, Cody Arrive, 45 cents, and Braces, Cody Arrive, 45 cents, and Braces, Cody Arrive, 45 cents, and Julians, Baseguant, Pa., 45 D Rey Briskton, Wronewood, Pa., 25 A WORD TO THE BOYS! VOLUMENT IS COLLEGIII

A LITTLE RAINBOW MOTHER AND HER DAY



EXTRA!!

LION ESCAPES FROM THE TINGLETOWN ZOO!

TINGLETOWN, Toyland, March 11 .- All Tingletown is in an uproar. Last evening, at 9 o'clock, a ferocious lion effected an escape from Six Paws Circus and made a wild dash through the Pianola Theatre. Excitement ran high. When last seen the lion was chasing the French doll, who was attending the performance with Charlie Chaplin, down Peppermint Candy lane.

JEMIMA JANE, BELOVED By ELIZABETH ANNE.

Samantha was very unhappy—the sunbeams were dancing in through the window and playing with the gold glints in
her hair, but the sunbeam that generally
danced in Samantha's heart was playing
with some other little girl, and in there it

pulled her—and there on the parior table, making dull and pale the furnishing. was very, very dark.

Her small fingers clutched a pencil. Samantha was writing a letter! She read very slowly what she had just writ-

Samantha stood open-mouthed. "Why, daddy," she exclaimed, "where did—"
"Little daughter," he interrupted, "daddy found a job today, one to last, and then he saw this beautiful doll in a window and he thought maybe his little girl would like her instead of—"

For a moment Samantha didn't meet. Dear Newspaperman-I read in the papers about the little girl that is longum for a doll. I have a doll. Her name is Jemima Jane and I love her. When my mama died I hugged my dolly tite, and I guess she cried, to. But I have a daddy to be loved because he hasn't got a job so I guess I mustn't have both when anuther littel girl hasn't anny-

Her eyes left the page and traveled to the small white bed, where lay Jemima Jane—a big tear rolled down her hot, flushed check.

"Why, Samantha"—there at the door stood the daddy man who should have been hunting a job—"you're crying!"

Then he spled the letter, he read it mantha.

For a moment Samantha didn't speak; then she touched the rustly skirt with awed stiff fingers. Suddenly a heautiful light dawned in her bewildered blus eyes. "Daddy," she exclaimed, "will youwill you let me?"

"Let you what?" but in his heart the daddy man knew. daddy man knew.

bering, " come downstairs quick!" and before she knew it down the stairs he had pulled her—and there on the parior ta-ble, making dull and pale the furnishings

of the homely little room, lay a gorgeo creature in silk and lace!

And so the new doll went to "the news-

paperman" to be sent to the little lone-some girl and Jemima Jane stayed home where she belonged with her own Sa

FARMER SMITH, "I Live in Carefree Land"

FARMER SMITH,
EVENING LEDGER:
I wish to become a member of your
Rainbow Club. Picase send me a beautiful Rainbow Button free. I agree
to DO A LITTLE KINDNESS EACH
AND EVERY DAY—SPREAD A
LITTLE SUNSHINE ALL ALONG Address

Age

School I attend