"I SEE WHERE BARNETT SHAW SAYS THERE WOULDN'T BE NO PEACE IN GERMANY TILL THEY GOTA REPUBLIC THERE," SAYS BARNETT ZAPI By MONTAGUE GLASS

"Who Is He, Anyway?" Asks Birsky - "He Wrote a Play by the Name: 'You Couldn't Tell Nothing About It," Is Zapp's Answer

Then Follows a Learned Discussion Upon the Future "United States of Germany," and the Activities of the American-Germans Headed by Bryan, O'Gorman, Viereck and Others-But, Zapp Admits, This Is Only Hypo-critical, and "Hypo-critical Cases Are Cases Which You Discuss for the Sake of Argument"

MT SEE where Barnett Shaw says I there wouldn't be no peace in Germany till they got a republic there." said Barnett Zapp, the waist manufac-

"I'm surprised that a feller with such a front name should talk so sensible. Louis Birsky, the real estater, retorted. "Who is Barnett Shaw anyway?"

"He's a Schauspieldichter." Barnett Zapp replied. "He wrote a play by the name 'You Couldn't Tell Nothing About It,' which my wife took me to see, Birsky, and he was right. You couldn't."

"A Schauspieldichter!" Birsky exclaimed. "Well. I suppose he thinks Germany will hire him and George M. Cohen to work together with David Kessler on a Constitution and By-Laws in four acts, Zapp, and since she would then got no more use for that Kalser-Hehe song 'Deutschland, Deutschland Ueber Alles,' she would commission an osteopath to write a new one for her and have it set to music by a feller in the Germany don't do business that way. If she wanted to get a play written, she would go to a play writer like Barnett Shaw, aber if she wanted a republic fixed she would go to a Republican like this here Barnes or a Democrat like Charles S. Murphy, and you would see that in less than a year's time over smooth and quiet that the Reichstag stand, and compare it with what we in the expense account of the investi- America was a sweat shop instead of

"Where nobody cares for anything but beer."

ungaralaversammlung." "Yes?" Zapp said.

"Which," Birsky explained, "in hoch German is short for Public Service body would conclude that our congres-Commission. They say it all in one word and save time that way, Zapp, The Germans is a terribly efficient

"Yes, Birsky," Zapp commented, "it's a poor kind of fowl that runs down its Deutschland. If they build an aqueduck own nest."

down my own nest?" Birsky asked. "You are like a whole lot of people, Birsky," Zapp explained. "To hear you plumbing supply business. No. Zapp, talk you would think that the officeholders which run the United States of America done it in the time they could spare from their regular occupations of dealing fare or making book. Believe me, Birsky, if you was to take what the Royal Family gets away with 'rom the German people in the course of a year by way of living expenses and there things would be running so allowances for pocket money, y'underwould got already a couple investigating pay our public officers from President committees investigating the sundries to dog catcher, you would think that gating committee appointed to investi-, a country. Yes, Birsky, if the reigning hips from under the bust line and hav-

gate the Berliner Allegemeinebedien- Prince of Gimmeldingen-Daletheim goes ing platinum and ruby buttons and plattraveling at the public expense, y'understand, from what it costs him and his Mischpocha for meals and rooms anysional committees sat up all night in a combination baggage-smoker and ate in

"Sure I know," Birsky said, "but they ain't got no political graft over in or a dock improvement over there, the "What d'ye mean-I am running people gets value for their money, Zapp."

"I give you right, Birsky," Zapp retorted, "and while the Board of Aldermen of Pffaffenrottchen, capital of the principality of Gimmeldingen-Daletheim. works overtime to keep the street cleaning commissioner from ringing in an extra sweeper on the payroll at twenty pfennig an hour, y'understand, the Kaiser's Own Household Troops olav hasholom, and when he goes out and huys an honorary colonel's full-dress uniform of burgundy color satin d'amour with ecru lace brought down over the

inum and ruby fringe to match, y'understand, the tax rate in Gimmeldingen-Daletheim jumps up from 4.89 to 24.89 per cent. So that's the way it stands, Birsky. Over here we let crooked politicians get away with some of our taxes because we thinks we're too busy to bother about keeping them grafters honest, y'understand, but over in Germany it's considered perfectly on the level for a prince to get away with about ten times as much money because he claims that he is anointed by the lieber Gott

"And them poor Germans nebigh be lieve him?" Birsky exclaimed.

"They've got to," Zapp sald, "because over here if you make a criticism of a politician the worst he could do is to sue you for libel in Sarahcuse and take a couple appeals, aber in Germany if Prince of Gimmeldingen-Daletheim gets some one makes a criticism from a appointed honorary colonel of the 102d prince, y'understand, the prince first Schaumburg-Lippe regiment of the puts him in jail and decides afterward what he would do with him. Barnett Shaw was right, Birsky. They should ought to got a republic over there." "Aber how are they going to do it?

Biraky said.

For President WILLIAM J. BRŸAN of Brand.

> For Vice President JAMES K. O'GORMAN of Wurt.

"It's a snap," Zapp said. "When we Furthermore, this here Gershon A.

started in to be a new beginner as a Republic, we only had thirteen States in stock, whereas in Germany they got I den't know how many hundred prin-

fixed up as States in the United States of Germany. The only thing is the abbreviations for the States which if you was to send a letter to: Max Meyer, New Cincinnati,

cipalities and kingdoms which could be

M. S. U. B. G. areaning the. State of Mecklenburg Strelifz, the chances is there would be fifty Max Meyers in New Cincinnati. Hindenberg Co., M. S., meaning the State of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. They've got a whole lot of other duplicates that way, Birnley."

Hindenberg Co.,

"Is there such a county as Hendenberg County, Mecklenburg-Strelitz?" Birsky inquired.

"Not yet," Zapp replied, "but there will be when they start in the United States of Germany. In fact, I bet ver there would be a Hindenberg County for every State in the German Union, also a von Tirpitz County, a Zeppelin County and even some States would have a Bethmann-Hollweg County. As for New Cincinnati, just so soon as they get the republic going over there, all them fellers like Richard Bartholdt. Gershon A. Viereck, Victor Ritter and James K. O'Gorman which is so dissatisfied mit America, would go back to Deutschland and for the sake of old times yet, they would found settlements and call 'em New Cincinnati, New Milwaukee oder New Hoboken."

"Do you think Bryan would go with em?" Birsky asked hopefully.

"Naturlich!" Zapp declared. "It's the only chance that feller's got of running for President again, which you could take it from me, Birsky, just so soon as Bartholdt and this here Gershon A. Viereck gets nicely settled down over there, they would form an American-German Alliance and hold meetings to denounce the actions of the German people and particularly the German Government because in questions which comes up with the United States of America, it tried to fix things as advantageous as possible for Germany. They would then call on all American-Germans to work for the nomination of an American-German ticket at the next German presidential election, y'understand, and not to vote for any candidate who didn't have an American name. The consequence is, the ticket would be

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The Prince first puts him in jail.

lereck would publish a paper in Ber in, Brand, or Stuttgart, Wurt, and call it Der Guter Alter U. S. A., and if the Germans get sore at him and ask him: Look-a-here, Viereck, are you a German or are you an American?" and Viereck would say: . 'I am just so good a German as you are, but at the same time I can't forget what I owe to America.' Then in his paper he would proceed to call von Bethmann-Hollweg a second-rate schoolteacher and that if it wouldn't be for pickled herrings where would the name of Bismarck be to-

"Them fellers will get themselves pretty unpopular over there if they act that way," Birsky commented.

"No necessary, they won't," Zapp continued. "There'll always be some German professors over there like Professor Burgess over here, who when Gershon A. Viereck writes in his paper that all Germany knows America taught her, y'understand, will say: 'He's right. The boy is right.' And the German people will look at the there will also be some American professors working for the University of Berlin the same like this here Munsterburg is got a job over here in Harvard, at that. who will say that he don't want the Germans to take it at all out of the way, y'understand, and that he has got a lot of good friends among the Germans, understand me, but when it comes right down to it, Germany is, after all, a country where nobody cares for anything but beer. That without meaning to give offense to anybody, y'understand, he would call Germany the land of the Almighty Beer."

"It seems to me, Zapp, the way you describe these here fellers, I, give 'em at the outside six months in the United States of Germany before they get

"Your lynched!" Zapp ex They make allowances for such s over there. Take, for instance, an ican feller by the name of W. v hog is discovered by German Service officers in an office on the ty-fourth floor of the Fall Building, von Kluck street, Ess denberg Co., Rh., and in the pocket of his overcoat is cor of the Krupp Works, marked

**Place dynamite here. Also he has two sets of brass ke a sawed-off shotgun fully log Maxim silencer, a diamond safe six pieces assorted fuse and a Naturally, Birsky, you think that such a feller they we

"Naturally," Birsky agreed, "Well, they wouldn't do no

thing," Zapp continued. "All this b W. V. Hedgehog does is to che he is running a branch of the An Ambassy there in Essen, and w trying to check up his states ringing up the home office of the ican Ambassy in Berlin, the Judge, charges him mit the thanks of the and they all go over to the Esser gents' cafe and have a little Fee and rye bread tongue sandwiches as Secret Service men."

"The United States of German sure going to be a funny country sky said.

"Not at all," Zapp declared. only going to be modeled after United States of America, Birsky, instance, if the United States of A ica has trouble with the United of Germany, and some America mans in Hamburg or Bremen feller by the name August Eppendorf-Winterhuder, alias 81 Steve, to put a bomb on a 4 Postdampfer, y'understand, and ship goes down in midocean and o children, understand me, then American-Germans in Hamburg brate with a supper at the Raths keller, y'understand, you will se ter in a liberal spirit. 'Well,' th say, 'Americans has got to eat the like anybody else,' and they'll let

"Why, if that happened in this co try," Birsky cried, "we'd send fellers to juil for the rest of their liv

vouldn't," Zapp said. "You can't think we would anyhow got as I

What are them?" Birsky asked you discuss for the sake of argun Zapp concluded. "They never happen-in the United States of C

Philadelphia Joins in the Tercentenary Celebration

again in the thoughts of thousands of Philadelphians next Friday. That after-noon, at 2 o'clock, occurs the most notable single event in the program of commem-oration arranged by the Tercentenary Committee of this city. It is the Shake-speare Festival at the Academy of Music, at which such notable men as Sir Herbert Tree, the English actor-manager; Alfred Noyes, the poet, and David Bispham, the singer, will join with noted Philadelphians

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Philadelphia will be represented on the program by Prof. Felix Schelling, who will

program by Prof. Felix Schelling, who will say a few introductory words; Mrs. Otis Skinner, who will recite Ben Jonson's "Ode to Shakespeare." and Mr. James M. Beck, who will speak on "Philadelphia's Memorial to Shakespeare."

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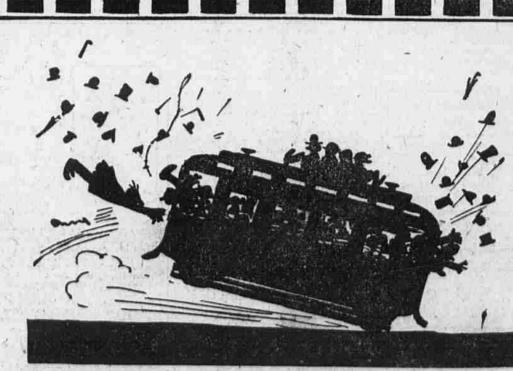
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