

"I SEE WHERE BARNETT SHAW SAYS THERE WOULDN'T BE NO PEACE IN GERMANY TILL THEY GOT A REPUBLIC THERE," SAYS BARNETT ZAPP

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"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"

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

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



"Where nobody cares for anything but beer."

gate the Berliner Allgemeinebedenungarsammlungs." "Yes," Zapp said. "Which," Birsky explained, "in hoch German is short for Public Service Commission. They say it all in one word and save time that way, Zapp. The Germans is a terribly efficient people."

Prince of Gimmeldingen-Daletheim goes traveling at the public expense, y'understand, from what it costs him and his Mischpocka for meals and rooms anybody would conclude that our congressional committees sat up all night in a combination baggage-smoker and ate in cafeterias."

ing platinum and ruby buttons and platinum 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 think 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 appointed by the Heber Gott to do so."

started in to be a new beginner as a Republic, we only had thirteen States in stock, whereas in Germany they got 1 don't know how many hundred principalities and kingdoms which could be 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, Hindenberg Co., M. S.

U. S. G. meaning the State of Mecklenburg Stralitz, 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, Birsky."

"Is there such a county as Hindenberg County, Mecklenburg-Stralitz?" Birsky inquired.

"Not yet," Zapp replied, "but there will be when they start in the United States of Germany. In fact, I bet yer 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, Gerson 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. "Naturally!" 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 Gerson 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

For President WILLIAM J. BRYAN of Brand. For Vice President JAMES K. O'GORMAN of Wurt. Furthermore, this here Gerson A.



The Prince first puts him in jail.

Viereck would publish a paper in Berlin, Brand, or Stuttgart, Wurt, and call it Der Guter After U. S. A., and if the Germans get sore at him and ask him: 'Look-ehere, 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 today."

"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 Gerson 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 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, who will say that he don't want the Germans to take it 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 lynched."

"Toie lynched!" Zapp exclaimed. "They make allowances for such things over there. Take, for instance, an American feller by the name of W. V. Hedberg is discovered by German Secret Service officers in an office on the twenty-fourth floor of the Falkenberg Building, von Kluck street, Essen, Hindenberg Co., Rh., and in the pocket of his overcoat is complete of the Krupp Works, marked

Place dynamite here. Also he has two sets of brass knuckles, a sawed-off shotgun fully loaded with Maxim silencer, a diamond safe, six pieces assorted fuses and a shot. Naturally, Birsky, you would think that such a feller they would put in jail."

"Naturally," Birsky agreed. "Well, they wouldn't do no such thing," Zapp continued. "All this here W. V. Hedberg does is to claim that he is running a branch of the American Embassy there in Essen, and without trying to check up his statements, he's bringing up the home office of the American Embassy in Berlin, the Judge charges him mit the thanks of the court and they all go over to the Essen Hotel and they take care of him a little Federal and rye bread tonque sandwiches on Secret Service men."

"The United States of Germany sure going to be a funny country," Birsky said.

"Not at all," Zapp declared. "The only going to be modeled after the United States of America, Birsky. You see, the United States of America has trouble with the United States of Germany, and some American-Germans in Hamburg or Bremen like a feller by the name August Heilmann Eppendorff-Winterhuder, alias August Steve, to put a bomb on a 4000-ton ship going down in midocean and drown a couple of hundred German women and children, understand me, then if the American-Germans in Hamburg collaborate with a supper at the Baths Keller, y'understand, you will see the German people will look at this matter in a liberal spirit. Well, they will say, 'Americans has got to eat the same like anybody else,' and they'll let it at that."

"Why, if that happened in this country," Birsky cried, "we'd send the fellers to jail for the rest of their lives."

"Maybe, we would and maybe we wouldn't," Zapp said. "You can't tell I think we would anyhow got as much patience with them as the United States of Germany would. You see, Birsky, am only giving you hypo-critical cases."

"What are them?" Birsky asked. "Hypo-critical cases are cases which you discuss for the sake of argument," Zapp concluded. "They never actually happen—in the United States of Germany."

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Shakespeare, 300 years dead, will live again in the thoughts of thousands of Philadelphians next Friday. That afternoon, at 2 o'clock, occurs the most notable single event in the program of commemoration arranged by the Tercentenary Committee of this city. It is the Shakespeare 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 in praise of Shakespeare.



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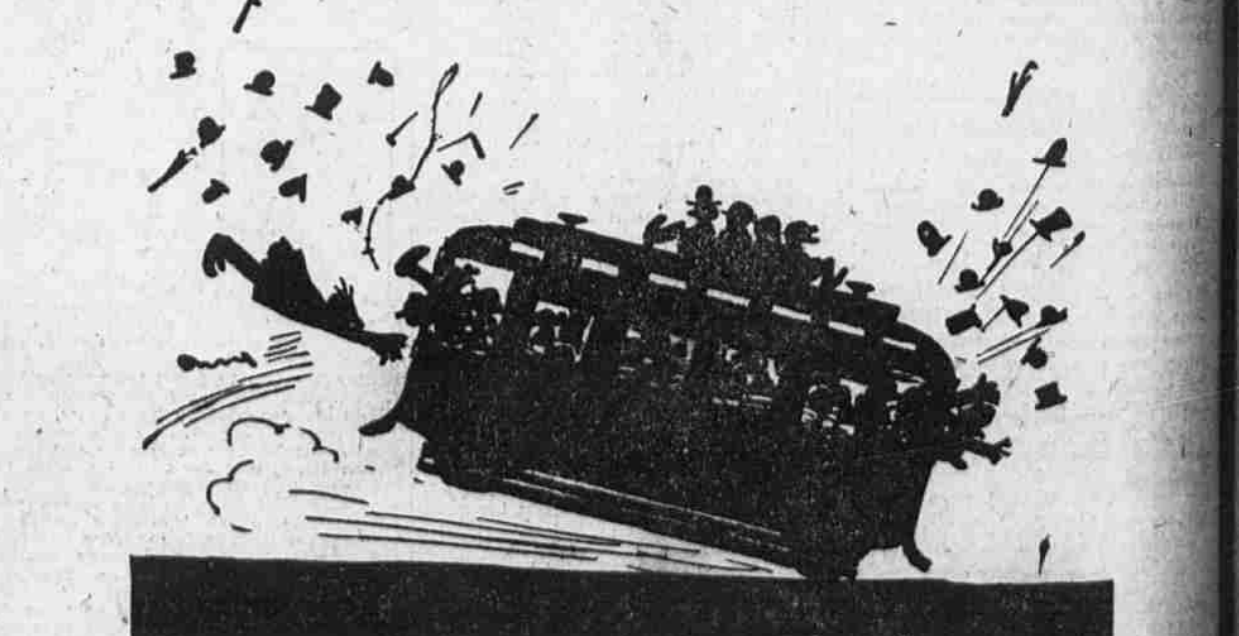
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