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Just at present the government has set in motion its machinery to determine whether the cost of living is being increased upon the pretext of the conditions existing in Europe. It is claimed the great advance in foodstuffs is wholly unwarranted and that the war scare has given a pretext to controllers of foodstuffs which they are using to line their pockets and rob the people of this country of millions of dollars. It is claimed if sufficient proof is secured, criminal prosecution of the great plunderers will be made. Take wheat, for instance. While flour has taken a great jump upwards, wheat exports are practically nothing, and millions of bushels are piled up in elevators or in freight cars strung across the continent. Secretary Redfield speaks plainly as follows: "If the present temporary stoppage of trade with foreign countries is made the basis for an attempt in this country to put up prices artificially, it is unpatriotic. I may say, even damnable." Special agents of the department of justice throughout the country are busily collecting evidence, and we may not be surprised if a number of masters of high finance in this country get into serious trouble over their attempt to rob the people.

Judging from the State Journal's editorial attitude, in criticising both the republican and democratic platforms, and praise of the progressive platform, we should not be surprised to see that paper going over to the Teddy party, body, soul and breeches, in the near future. The following editorial from last Friday's edition illustrates the point we make above:

Judge Wray of the progressive party makes a criticism of the old parties that they cannot escape. Their platforms do not amount to much this year. While the progressive platform was grappling with about every problem in the universe, the democrats and republicans at Columbus and Lincoln were doing a careful stunt of tight rope walking. The old parties were trying to keep discordant elements from making themselves heard, and the result was harmoniously silent platforms. There is good meat in both platforms, matters on which nobody disagreed. But neither party attempts to lay down a coherent political philosophy. Both abandoned advanced ground taken two years ago.

The war situation in the far east assumes no better phase fast. Sunday's dispatches say great battles are being fought along the Danube, the fighting said to extend nearly the entire length of the Austrian-Servian frontier. Monday's dispatches tells of Japan sending an ultimatum to Germany to withdraw her battleships from the Orient within a week's time, and also demands certain territory be restored to China or Japan will act. It is said the impending battle mentioned above will involve millions of men and extend for more than 250 miles. From all that may be gleaned from dispatches, peace may not be expected for a long time.

Evidently, the meat packers are getting frightened over the proposed investigation of the government regarding the elevation of meat prices, for a drop of one to six cents in Omaha immediately followed the report of government intervention. The meat barons, however, insist the advance was not their fault, but was on account of scarcity of receipts, trying to lay the blame on the producers and shippers.

The big slump in taxes on imports, caused by the European war has put this country a hundred millions of good hard money to the bad. Congress is now considering how to raise revenue to make up the deficit. There is strong talk of making a war tax to tide over the present.

Thirty-six thousand dozen eggs were shipped from New York to England the 14th instant the cost price being 25c per dozen. Now watch the price of eggs go soaring with meat and sugar.

**MY DISCOVERY  
OF MCCARTHY**

Irslinger Tells Easterner How He Discovered McCarthy.

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Some time since, when Tommy McCarthy, the northwest heavy-weight Champion, whose home is at Ravenna, was here while home on a visit, he promised us a line when he had anything interesting along his pugilistic life. We received a few days since a letter from Tommy at Lewiston, Mont., where he is at present in training. He writes he has nothing of importance in view so far until Labor Day when he will take on either Al Norton in Butte, or Tom McMahon in Lewiston, wherever he gets the best offer. Apropos of McCarthy's career as a pugilist, which promises to be of much interest in the future, as he is a challenger for the world's title, and may develop into the coming "white hope," we give below an article taken from a Lewiston paper telling how Hank Irslinger, who is now manager for Tommy became so through an engagement with the latter, and was put to sleep by Tommy, who relieved Hank of a few of his molars as evidence of the fine work he was doing in dentistry.

Those who were at the ringside on the memorable occasion referred to in the following from St. Paul will find a lot to grin about, especially with respect to the lost teeth. Hank Irslinger, wrestler and fight impresario, who was in St. Paul about 10 days ago, for a mat argument with Theo, Peter, met a reporter while in the Minnesota city and provided the news writer with his personal story of how he met Tommy McCarthy, and later became his manager. Irslinger, it will be remembered, fought Tom McCarthy at the last of the Uvanni shows, Tommy putting Hank completely out in a piece of a round. A smash to the mouth rocked Irslinger to dreamland and jarred him loose from a tooth, which spilled on the floor. It will be further remembered that when the would-be fighter recovered sufficiently to observe any thing at all he wanted to continue the fight, cussing his seconds for not letting him go to the center of the ring, and expressing surprise when his handlers told him it was all over. Hank's story to the St. Paul man is a good one, but the wrestler evidently forgot his first question after the scrap: "Did he win?" which was followed soon after with a query concerning his missing tooth.

Here's Hank's St. Paul yarn right off the bat: "Henry Irslinger, doughty little German wrestler, who was defeated by Theodore Peter here, is a past master in the mat game, but as a boxer, says the Pioneer Press, he has his limitations. He didn't know this he admits until he boxed Tommy McCarthy at Great Falls. After that he knew it so well that he took hold of McCarthy and has managed him ever since. Now he says Tommy is the coming white hope champion and to those who smile at this statement, Henry merely says: "Wait and see."

Last summer during the lean days of the wrestling days, Irslinger decided to take up the fight game, being, as he thought, a pretty nifty boxer himself. At Lewiston he met Joe Uvanni, who called himself middleweight champion of Canada. He confided his ambitions to Uvanni in a gymnasium, and Uvanni promptly offered to try him out. There was a large crowd present when they put on the gloves and Henry says they still talk about the 10-round battle that was fought there. Uvanni broke Irslinger's nose and otherwise manhandled him, but Henry was on his feet ready for more when Uvanni decided he had had enough. The Italian promised to give Irslinger a chance in a regular show at Great Falls.

A little later he matched Irslinger against a ring novice named Tommy McCarthy. McCarthy weighed 178 to Henry's 165 and Irslinger says he wanted to quit when he saw his adversary in the ring, he was so big. His seconds, however, told him to keep clinch-

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