# GOUGERS, SAYS M'CAIN

War Over, Heinz's Hands Are Impotent to Act Without U. S. Aid

ONLY REMEDY IN CONGRESS

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

"There is nothing more to be said food subject and profiteering." said Charles J. Henburn today. Hepburn was chief counsel for the food

administration in Pennsylvania. "Mr. Heinz's statement issued after his conference with Attorney General Palmer dismissed the subject for the time being. The next move is up to Washington," added Mr. Hepburn

There are some hundreds of thousands of persons in Philadelphia who are sadly puzzled over the twin sub-Why does not the government or the food administration, or somebody, do something to end this intolerable The family with the ordinary income must struggle to make ends meet. New York Has Right Idea

In New York, something like 3000 retail grocers have been investigated. Why are not the grocers of Philadelphia investigated, and the conscience less profiteers exposed and punished? "And now they tell us that the have no law to punish profiteers and stop this food gouging." cry thou-

sands of indignant people. All the above is true. So far as the conscienceless coldblooded profiteer is concerned, no denunciations are quite equal to his crimes. He has neither conscience por morals. He is in plain terms a thief

It is also true that Howard Heinz, who was food administrator during the his license was revoked and he war, and Charles J. Hepburn, his chief but out of business till the end of the counsel and legal adviser, are for the time being perfectly helpless. As matters stand they can do nothing.

Food Laws Dead Letter

Here is the story :

The United State food administra- tion and accept his penalty tion in Pennsylvania during the eighteen months of its operation had the power and might of the United States Government at its back. But there were flaws even in the Lever act, the law under which the food administration operated. Take one instance alone There was no provision for punishing the small grocer who profiteered. The big fellow, or the grocer who did a business of \$100,000 or more a year, could be reached and punished.

Because he was a licensee. He was Heensed by the food administration, as provided by law, to do business. As a censee, he was subject to the food laws. He could be closed up or com pelled to make a donation to the Red Cross-or go out of business permanently

In New York, however, the corner grocer could be reached and punished for profiteering. This fact caused considerable criticism of the Pennsylvania food administration during its operation. It was an unjust criticism.

'If New York can punish profiteers and corner grocers who charge exorbitant prices, why cannot the same thing

done in Pennsylvania?" Because the New York Legislature at the beginning of the war passed a bill to prevent profiteering in food, and prowided for the appointment of a state commission to see that this law was

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defining profiteering in foodstuffs. less. This fact was recognized by Mr. for the appointment of price-fixing much less punishing it. There was only Heinz and all the legal powers at the committees over the state and in Philathe national food law. Now that the war is over that law is inoperative except in reference to hoarding food and one or two other features. And right can laugh and snap his fingers at such bodies until the punitive

"But you reached the corner grocer

corner grocer during the war was prunes or any foodstuff.

reached through the "big fellow:"
through the license; the wholesaler or retailer who did a business of more retailer who did a pusiness of more than \$100,000 arear. The process was than \$100,000 a year. The process was known as the "unfair order." The first case occurred in Pittsburgh.

Cites Hepburn's Work

tried it in Pennsylvania and it was a could compel an answer or the dealer success. Then Washington adopted it and notified every state administrator in jects of food prices and profiteering. the Union that it was the one successful way to reach the small, mean profiteer who preved on the poorer people.

situation? Every housewife knows othe kind of a grocer of the smalle class that the prices of food have run wild. —and they comprise 95 per cent of the -and they comprise 95 per cent of the whole-was caught profiteering he was given the choice of closing for a certain length of time or going out of busi-ness entirely, or making a contribution to the American Red Cross. He usualmade the contribution and often in ldition closed his store from thirty to ninety days.

Wherever a corner grocer or an other kind of a grocer of the smaller class food administrator and accept his penalty there were two methods of reach-His case could be taken to the United States Court. But that was uncertain and slow. The most effective method was to shut off his supplies. of any one man the power of fixing His name was placed upon the list." Under the law no wholesaler or this situation arises it is impossible to licensed dealer could sell to a person or predict what may happen. With no firm on the "unfair list." If he did so law to curb them prices may soar to

fiant grocer found that his stock was going down and he could not replenish it. Nobody would sell to him. His The war is over and the food laws business was headed for ruin. To save himself he was compelled to acknowledge the power of the food administra-

Must Put "Teeth" in Law

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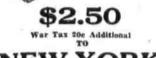


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State Food Commission did for them.

Pennsylvania has no law on her books under the circumstances, would be use tions, and Howard Heinz will arrange

bodies until the punitive law spoken of by the attorney general is enacted by Congress. When this law is passed then the committees can begin their Imagine a member of such a comwhen the food administration was active and punished hundreds of them, why isn't it possible to do so suspected of profiteering! The com-And until this bill is passed the pub-lic will continue to suffer from high ow?"
The question is easily answered. The free grocer paid for corn meal, starch,

"It's none of your business what I

What can the committeeman do? He has not authority to compel an an-Investigators for the food ad-EWCT. ministration during the war had the building Company, in Camden, where Mr. Hepburn devised the plan. He power of the law with them. They \_\_\_\_ would suffer for his recalcitrancy.

What Is Remedy?

What is the remedy for the existing There is no remedy until Congress passes some measure that will make profiteering a crime. Such a bill. I is now pending in Congress The attorney general informed Mr. Heinz that he hoped the measure would pass in the course of the next week ten days. This bill would give au thority and power to any price-fixing But I am of the opinion that there

will be a bitter fight in Congress over it. I have not read the measure, but understand that it empowers the President alone to fix prices or limit profit taking.

This is a Republican Congress. There is a feeling, doubtless, that it would be a dangerous thing to put in the hands

ministration came into existence the Food administrators of New York city and New York state joined forces with the federal commission. What the United States officers could not do the United States officer

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Frocks.

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