

## SEIZURE of FOOD in STORAGE!

## What Effect Will It Have NEXT Winter?

BEFORE embarking on what seems to be an orgy of "storage food seizure," it is proper that the public and officials look beyond the immediate present!
Agents of the Government, attempting to quickly reduce living costs, are seizing stored food stuffs in various sections of the country, and announcing their intention to force immediate marketing of the food, some of which is in process of cure, the balance for use in winter or the season of short production.

## Foods That Are Stored

The Surplus Egg Production of March, April, May and June. The Surplus Butter Production of May, June and July.
The Surplus Beef from Range Cattle as Marketed in the Fall. The Surplus Pork Production-(Most of It To Be Cured.)
Unless the surplus of the season's production is available for gradual distribution there is bound to be a scarcity.

The present movement may be likened to the cutting down of a tree in order to obtain its fruit That is one way to get the fruit in a hurry, but it has a disastrous effect upon next year's crop.

There can be no defense for the withholding of food in order to increase the price. We do not do this. The use of cold storage for speculation deserves the severest condemnation, and every good citizen will endorse common sense inspection of food reserves.
A line must be drawn, however, between speculation and prudent laying away of food for the season of non-productivity. If the course of unchecked seizure is pursued, it will mean shortage next winter.
Most of the meat in storage is owned by firms
which perform a real function in the process of distribution, and which have regular customers, whose needs they supply. The success of these managers to estimate market demands and to buy, store and sell accordingly

The fact that there is more food of various kinds in storage at this time than was the case a year ago is really beneficial when consideration is given are to be supplied and foreign countries as well.

Our business experience for a period of years has had to do with problems incident to the storage of food and we believe that if food supplies now in storage be prematurely forced on the mar-
ket HUNGER may join our ranks this winter.

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