

of South Carolina, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: (Can) "Smyrna Special Brand * * * Hand Packed Tomatoes Contents 2 Pounds * * * Packed By Arrington Bros Montvale, Va."

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the said cans contained less than 2 pounds of the said article.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that the statement appearing on the labels, "Contents 2 Pounds," was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was [food] in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the packages.

On January 21, 1924, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

HOWARD M. GORE, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

12080. Adulteration of canned spinach. U. S. v. 1,200 Cases of Spinach. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 16753. I. S. No. 2027-v. S. No. E-4129.)

On August 16, 1922, the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 1,200 cases of spinach, at Pittsburgh, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped by the San Francisco Packing Co., San Francisco, Calif., on or about May 1, 1922, and transported from the State of California into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On July 31, 1923, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal and that all costs be paid by the San Francisco Packing Co.

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12081. Adulteration of apricots. U. S. v. 132 Sacks of Apricots. Consent decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 18014. I. S. No. 15788-v. S. No. E-4575.)

On November 13, 1923, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 132 sacks of apricots, at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by the California Prune & Apricot Growers, Inc., San Jose, Calif., on or about May 16, 1922, and transported from the State of California into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On February 21, 1924, upon consent of the claimant, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal and that the claimant, Alexander Palestine & Co., Inc., pay the costs of the proceedings.

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12082. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. v. Mary H. Wright and Tobe Wright. Dismissed as to Mary H. Wright. Plea of guilty by Tobe Wright. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 17927. I. S. Nos. 6891-v, 6892-v.)

On January 30, 1924, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Mary H. Wright and Tobe Wright, trading as the Elmore Wright Estate, Winnsboro, Tex., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, in two consignments, namely on or about July 18 and 19, 1923, respectively, from the State of Texas into the State of Louisiana, of quantities of eggs