

**5438. Adulteration of oranges. U. S. \* \* \* v. 396 Boxes of Oranges. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8040. I. S. No. 11056-m. S. No. C-638.)**

On January 29, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 396 boxes of oranges, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Minneapolis, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about December 4, 1916, by H. J. Coughlin, Porterville, Cal., and transported from the State of California into the State of Minnesota, 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 decomposed vegetable substance.

On March 6, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*