

3792. Adulteration of hams. U. S. v. 12 Hams. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6132. S. No. C-135.)

On November 25, 1914, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, 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 12 hams, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about November 11, 1914, and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted when shipped in whole or in large part of a rancid or decomposed substance, and was of a deleterious character¹ and unfit for use as food within the meaning of the said act of Congress.

On January 21, 1915, 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.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 8, 1915.*

¹ When this case was reported for action, seizure of the product was not recommended by the Department of Agriculture on the ground that said product was "of a deleterious character."