

sumption, and that there was no law of the country to which the goods were to be exported prohibiting the addition of coloring matter, it was ordered by the court that the cases be dismissed at the costs of the United States.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18704. Adulteration and misbranding of butter. U. S. v. 35 Boxes, et al., of Butter. Decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. Nos. 26748 to 26752, incl. I. S. Nos. 29911, 29912, 30755, 30759, 30768, 30769. S. Nos. 4766, 4767, 4785, 4791, 4813.)

Samples of tub, print, and country-roll butter from the several shipments herein described were found to contain less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat, the standard provided by Congress. Portions of the print butter were also found to be short of the declared weight.

On May 28, June 2, June 6, and June 11, 1931, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 139½ cartons or boxes, each containing 30 pounds of print butter, 2 boxes, each containing 32 pounds of country-roll butter, and 61 tubs of butter, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., consigned by the Sugar Creek Creamery Co., alleging that the article had been shipped in part from Pana, Ill., and in part from Danville, Ill., in various consignments, on or about May 23, May 25, May 29, and June 4, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging that the article was adulterated and that a portion of the print butter was also misbranded, in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The cartons containing a portion of the print butter were labeled in part: "Golden Grain Creamery Butter, One Pound, * * * Made by Golden Grain Butter Co., Cape Girardeau, Mo." The cartons containing the remainder of the print butter were labeled in part: "Sugar Creek Butter. Full Weight One Pound. * * * Sugar Creek Creamery Co. * * * Danville, Ill." The country-roll butter was labeled in part: "Sugar Creek Creamery Co., Danville, Illinois."

It was alleged in the libels that the article was adulterated in that a product containing less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 per cent of milk fat. Misbranding was alleged with respect to a portion of the Golden Grain print butter and the Sugar Creek print butter for the reason that the packages containing the article bore the following statements, regarding the said article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, which were false and misleading: "Golden Grain Creamery Butter One Pound Pasteurized Pure and Wholesome," and "Sugar Creek Butter, Full Weight One Pound, Real Cream Butter, Churned from Wholesome Pure Pasteurized Cream Sugar Creek Creamery Co., Danville, Ill." Misbranding was alleged with respect to the said portion of the Golden Grain print butter and the Sugar Creek print butter for the further reason that it was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the statement made was not correct.

On June 19, 1931, the Sugar Creek Creamery Co., Danville, Ill., having appeared as claimant for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$4,000, conditioned that it should not be sold or disposed of contrary to law and that it be reconditioned under the supervision of this department.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18705. Adulteration of canned cherries. U. S. v. 143 Cases of Canned Cherries. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26200. I. S. No. 16148. S. No. 4534.)

Samples of canned cherries from the shipment herein described having been found to be partially decomposed, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Maryland.

On April 8, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 143 cases of canned cherries, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Paulus Bros. Packing Co., from Salem, Oreg., on or about January 5, 1931, and

had been transported from the State of Oregon into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Can) "Paulus Bros. Packing Co., Salem, Oregon, U. S. A. White Tag Pitted Royal Anne Cherries Packed in Water."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On July 21, 1931, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18706. Adulteration of canned shrimp. U. S. v. 500 Cases of Canned Shrimp. Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 26441. I. S. No. 11147. S. No. 4728.)

Samples of canned shrimp from the shipment herein described having been found to be partially decomposed, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Oregon.

On May 22, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 500 cases of canned shrimp, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Oreg., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Louisiana Oyster & Fish Co., from Berwick, La., on or about November 7, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Louisiana into the State of Oregon, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance.

On June 9, 1931, the General Grocery Co., Portland, Oreg., having appeared as claimant for the property and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a good and sufficient bond, conditioned in part that it should not be sold or disposed of contrary to law, and that it be reconditioned in a manner satisfactory to this department.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18707. Adulteration and misbranding of butter. U. S. v. 2 Cases, et al., of Butter. Consent decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26757. I. S. Nos. 25564, 25565. S. No. 4859.)

Samples of butter from the shipments herein described having been found to contain less than 80 per cent of milk fat, the standard provided by Congress, and portions of the article having been found short of the declared weight, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Kansas.

On June 17, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of three cases, containing 83 pounds of butter, at Kansas City, Kans., alleging that the article had been shipped by Hickman Bros., Kansas City, Mo., in part on or about June 11, 1931, and in part on or about June 13, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Kansas, and charging that the article was adulterated, and that a portion was also misbranded in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part: "Dairy Clover Brand Creamery Butter One Pound Net."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it contained less than 80 per cent of butterfat.

Misbranding was alleged with respect to a portion of the article for the reason that the statement, "One Pound Net Weight," appearing on the label, was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser, since the said packages contained less than 1 pound net weight.

On June 25, 1931, the Mound City Creamery Co., Mound City, Mo., having entered an appearance as claimant and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon the execution of a bond in the sum of \$100, conditioned that it be destroyed under the supervision of this department and that claimant pay costs.

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