

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1030.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF RICE.

On April 24, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon the report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of said District, holding a district court, a libel, praying condemnation and forfeiture of 25 sacks, more or less, of an article purporting to be rice, found in the possession of Liebman Bros.

Examination of samples of said product by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the said product to be coated with glucose and talc. The libel alleged that the said rice, after transportation from the State of Louisiana into the District of Columbia, remained in the original unbroken packages and was adulterated and misbranded in violation of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, because the said rice had been mixed, colored, powdered, coated, and stained with glucose and talc in a manner whereby damage and inferiority were concealed. Misbranding was alleged because said article was sold under a distinctive name, to wit, rice, when, in fact, said article was not rice, nor entitled to be so called, but consisted in part of rice and in part of two other substances commonly known and described as glucose and talc, and that the said article was therefore liable to seizure for confiscation.

On May 15, 1911, the Louisiana Molasses Co., a corporation, appeared and filed a plea and answer, admitting the charges contained in the libel and consenting to a decree of condemnation against said goods, whereupon the court entered, upon said day, a decree finding said product to be adulterated and misbranded as charged in the libel, and condemning and forfeiting the goods to the United States, with a proviso that said goods should be delivered to the claimant upon payment of all costs of the proceedings by the claimant and the execution by it of a good and sufficient bond, with surety, to be approved by the court, in the penal sum of \$170, conditioned that none of the aforesaid product should be sold or in any manner disposed of contrary to the provisions of the law.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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