

4560. Adulteration of condensed milk. U. S. v. Hires Condensed Milk Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 6820. I. S. No. 1712-k.)

On November 8, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Hires Condensed Milk Co., a corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., alleging shipment by said company, in the name of Bernard Karp, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 8, 1914, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of New York, of a quantity of condensed milk which was adulterated. The article was labeled, in part: "48 Cans Skimmed Square Brand Milk Condensed Hires Condensed Milk Co. Phila. Pa. * * *."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the contents of five tins to be brown in color and thick in consistency, with clots distributed through the mass. The odor and taste of the milk in these tins were suggestive of cheese. No gas present. The condition of the contents of the five said tins indicated that the milk was decomposed. The evidence of decomposition in the remaining five tins was found to be either very slight or absent.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a decomposed animal substance.

On November 12, 1915, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*