

4912. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. * * * v. 25 Bags of Chestnuts.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. Nos. 6967, 6968. I. S. Nos. 1623-1, 1624-1. S. Nos. E-445, E-446.)

On October 28, 1915, the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 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 25 bags, each containing approximately 60 pounds of chestnuts, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Pittsburgh, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped by Stevens Bros., Baltimore, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, the shipment having been received on or about October 23, 1915, 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 whole or in part, of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid vegetable substance, more than 40 per cent of the chestnuts being wormy, decayed, or moldy.

On June 23, 1916, 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.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*