

4967. Adulteration of canned pork and beans. U. S. * * * v. 600 Cases of Pork and Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7387. I. S. No. 10094-1. S. No. C-510.)

On May 3, 1916, the United States attorney for the Western 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 600 cases, each containing 24 cans, of pork and beans, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Joplin, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped, on or about March 31, 1916, by the Norfolk Packing Co., Norfolk, Nebr., and transported from the State of Nebraska into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled, in part; "Mak'o Brand Pork and Beans with tomato sauce."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On June 9, 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.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*