5642. Adulteration of luncheon beans. U. S. * * * v. 250 Cases * * * Luncheon Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7358. I. S. Nos. 11466-l, 11467-l. S. No. C-491.)

On April 27, 1916, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, 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 250 cases of luncheon beans, remaining unsold and in the original unbroken packages at Dubuque, Iowa, alleging that the article had been shipped on or about December 31, 1915, by the Sycamore Preserve Works, Sycamore, Ill., and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Iowa, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Bunker Hill Brand * * * Luncheon Beans, Tomato Sauce * * * "

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it was colored, coated, and stained in a manner by which damage and inferiority were concealed, and for the further reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On July 11, 1917, 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.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.