

On May 26, 1920, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$38.

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7700. Adulteration of Chili peppers. U. S. * * * v. 12 Sacks of Chili Peppers. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 9921. I. S. No. 7018-r. S. No. C-1111.)

On March 20, 1919, the United States attorney for the Eastern 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 condemnation and forfeiture of 12 sacks of Chili peppers, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about February 3, 1919, by J. A. Knapp, Garden Grove, Calif., and transported from the State of California into the State of Missouri, 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, and putrid vegetable substance.

On March 23, 1920, no claimant having appeared for the property, a default decree of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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