

**19300. Adulteration of canned chicken soup with noodles. U. S. v. 14 Boxes, Each Containing 24 Cans of Chicken Soup with Noodles. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26993. I. S. No. 31270. S. No. 5218.)**

Examination of samples of chicken soup from the shipment herein described having shown the presence of beetles and larvae, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Northern District of California.

On September 24, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 14 boxes, each containing 24 cans of chicken soup with noodles, remaining in the original unbroken packages at San Francisco, Calif., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about August 11, 1931, by Pure Food Factory Hansa from Mamaroneck, N. Y., and had been transported from the State of New York into the State of California, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Cans) "Westchester Brand Chicken Soup with Noodles \* \* \* packed by Pure Food Factory, Hansa Mamaroneck, New York, U. S. A."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a filthy and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On March 10, 1932, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19301. Adulteration and misbranding of butter. U. S. v. Winona Creamery Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 25699. I. S. No. 6310.)**

Samples of butter from the shipment herein described having been found to contain less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat, the standard prescribed by Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

On April 22, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against the Winona Creamery Co., a corporation, Winona, Miss., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about July 10, 1930, from the State of Mississippi into the State of Louisiana, of a quantity of butter that was adulterated and misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Brookfield Pasteurized Creamery Butter \* \* \* Distributed by Swift & Company, U. S. A. \* \* \* Chicago."

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated in that a product which contained less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat had been substituted for butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat as prescribed by the act of March 4, 1923, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Butter," borne on the package containing the said article, was false and misleading in that the said statement represented that the article was butter, a product which should contain not less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat as prescribed by law; whereas it was not, since it contained less than 80 per cent by weight of milk fat.

On December 7, 1931, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture*

**19302. Adulteration of dressed poultry. U. S. v. Swift & Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$150. (F. & D. No. 26685. I. S. No. 12996.)**

External examination of the dressed poultry involved in this action showed evidence of emaciation, discoloration, and disease in a large proportion of the fowls examined. Internal examination confirmed the evidence of the diseased conditions; decomposition was also found in certain fowls.

On October 23, 1931, the United States attorney for the District of Oregon, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid an information against Swift & Co., a corporation, trading at Portland, Oreg., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about April 11, 1931, from the State of Oregon into the State of California, of a quantity of dressed poultry that was adulterated.