

8599. Adulteration of canned salmon. U. S. * * * v. 612 Cases and 36 Tins of Canned Salmon. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released on bond. (F. & D. No. 12851. I. S. No. 8439-r. S. No. W-613.)

On or about June 8, 1920, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, 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 612 cases and 36 tins of canned salmon, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Alaska Fish Co., Seattle, Wash., from Waterfall, Alaska, October 16, 1919, and transported from the Territory of Alaska into the State of Washington, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part on the case and can, "Seaketch Brand Pink Salmon Packed by Alaska Fish Co., Seattle, Washington."

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 animal substance.

On September 3, 1920, the Alaska Fish Co., Seattle, Wash., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$2,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the bad portion be separated from the good portion under the supervision of this department, the bad portion to be destroyed and the good portion to be released to the claimant.

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8600. Adulteration and misbranding of aspirin tablets. U. S. * * * v. 14,000 Tablets * * * Aspirin. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 9461. I. S. No. 11357-r. S. No. C-1009.)

On November 20, 1918, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, 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 14,000 tablets of a product purporting to be aspirin, consigned by the Verandah Chemical Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., October 27, 1918, remaining unsold in the original packages at Steubenville, Ohio, alleging that the article had been transported from the State of New York into the State of Ohio, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Acetylsalicylic Acid Tablets 5 Gr. Aspirin The Verandah Chemical Co., Brooklyn, N. Y."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the article contained only a trace of acetylsalicylic acid or aspirin, with a considerable amount of free salicylic acid.

Adulteration of the article was alleged, in substance, in the libel for the reason that its strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which it was sold.

It was alleged, in substance, that the article was misbranded in that certain statements on the labels of the retail packages containing the article purported that the article contained aspirin, which statements were false and misleading in that it contained little or no aspirin, and for the further reason that it was an imitation of, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of, "Aspirin."

On April 18, 1919, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*