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FIRST CONVICTIONS UNDER FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT.

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First convictions under the

Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act are announced by the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, under which the administration of the act is placed. Many other convictions are likely to follow it is said.

The first conviction was late in December in Portland, Me., when Judge Hale assessed a fine of \$25 against Aggrippino Limole on a charge of shooting insectivorous birds.

The second conviction was at Hot Springs, Ark., when Phil Levy, charged with having egret plumes in his possession, was fined and \$1,500 worth of plumes were confiscated by order of United States District Judge Trieber. As the plumes were not secured from birds taken near Hot Springs, this case is likely to have ramifications extending into various sections of the country.

The officials of the Bureau of Biological Survey contemplate no great difficulty in enforcing the law over the country as a whole, largely because of the fact that, in most sections, the sportsmen are giving the law their solid support. In a few localities, however, such support has not been given and many persons have apparently gone on the assumption that no serious effort would be made to enforce the law. After a few convictions to emphasize the purpose of the Department of Agriculture to enforce this law, this attitude may be expected to change.

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