

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2068.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF MILK.

On June 29, 1912, 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 an information against Michael A. Wikel, Chesapeake, Ohio, alleging shipment by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on October 25, 1911, from the State of Ohio into the State of West Virginia of a quantity of milk which was adulterated. The product bore no label.

Analysis of samples of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: (Sample No. 1) 6,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 7,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 8,000,000 bacteria per cc, litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 3,000,000 acid organisms; 1,000 gas-producing organisms; 1,000 streptococci. Adulterated. (Sample No. 2) 20,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 16,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 14,000,000 bacteria per cc, litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C., 100 per cent acid; 1,000 *B. coli* group; 10,000 streptococci. Adulterated. (Sample No. 3) 13,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 6,000,000 bacteria per cc, plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 4,000,000 bacteria per cc, litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 3,000,000 acid organisms; 100 *B. coli* group; 10,000 streptococci. Adulterated. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed animal substance.

On July 3, 1912, defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and was fined \$25 and costs, the fine being suspended upon payment of the costs, amounting to \$14.10.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 6, 1912.

