

## United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2566.

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

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**U. S. v. Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs.**

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#### ADULTERATION OF MILK AND CREAM.

On March 17, 1913, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 20, 1911, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of New Jersey, of quantities of milk and cream which were adulterated. The milk was labeled: "Gramana Standard Milk. L. V. H. F. PT. Gramana Standard Milk. Registered H. B. Richards, Easton, Pa. Butter Fat 4 P. C. Total Solids 12½ to 13 P. C." The cream was not labeled but was sold on the dining car of said defendant company as cream.

Bacteriological examination of samples of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: (Cream sample No. 1) 22,000,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 15,000,000 bacteria per cc., litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 15,000,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 7,000,000 acid organisms; 100,000 gas-producing organisms. (Cream sample No. 2) 50,000,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 45,000,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 50,000,000 bacteria per cc., litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 12,000,000 acid organisms; 1,000,000 gas-producing organisms. (Milk sample) 7,000,000 bacteria per cc.,

plain agar, after 4 days at 25° C.; 1,800,000 bacteria per cc., plain agar, after 4 days at 37° C.; 7,000,000 bacteria per cc., litmus lactose agar, after 4 days at 25° C., all alkaline; 1,000 gas-producing organisms.

Adulteration of the products was alleged in the information for the reason that they contained excessive numbers of objectionable and unhealthy bacteria, and consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal and vegetable substance, deleterious to health.

On March 17, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

B. T. GALLOWAY,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 9, 1913.*