

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1476.

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

ADULTERATION OF MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.

On September 12, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, acting on a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel, and on October 25, 1911, an amended libel, praying condemnation and forfeiture of 84 tons of beef, pork, poultry, oysters, and sausage in the possession of the Pacific Cold Storage Co., a corporation, domicile Tacoma, Wash., and its subsidiary company of copartnership, The Fairbanks Meat Co., Fairbanks, Alaska, being a part of said Pacific Cold Storage Co. The libel alleged that on or about January 1, 1910, and prior to said date the said Pacific Cold Storage Co. shipped from the State of Washington into the Territory of Alaska the 84 tons of meat food products comprised of the following: 1 case dressed turkey, 49 pounds; 11 cases Eagle oysters; 2 cases Olympia oysters; 22 front quarters, 3,551 pounds, Eagle beef; 30 hind quarters, 4,434 pounds, Eagle beef; 409 front quarters and 411 hind quarters, 125,732 pounds; 264 beef loins, 16,744 pounds; 8 short beef loins, 287 pounds; 62 beef ribs, 2,106 pounds; beef tenders, 138 pounds; 65 cases beef livers, 4,184 pounds; 11 cases beef hearts, 631 pounds; 25 roasting pigs pork tenders, 590 pounds; 57 cases spare ribs, 2,850 pounds; sweetbreads, 240 pounds; 39 cases fancy broilers, 847 pounds; 3 cases Premium broilers, 83 pounds; 35 cases bologna sausage, 902 pounds; 74 cases Frankfurters, 1,928 pounds; 15 cases link sausage, 3,031 pounds; 3 cases lard, 1/50, 150 pounds; 4 cases of lard, 20/3, 240 pounds. The libel further alleged that the 84 tons of meat food products aforesaid were adulterated, decomposed, and deteriorated to such a degree as to be unfit for human consumption and to render the same injurious and deleterious to the health of all persons purchasing and using the same, for the reason that they consisted wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

No chemical or bacteriological analysis was made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, but an examination made by direction of the United States Attorney aforesaid showed that some $9\frac{1}{2}$ tons of the meat products were unfit for human consumption and this fact was admitted by the owners.

Thereafter, on December 9, 1911, judgment of condemnation was entered as to 22 front quarters, weighing 3,551 pounds, Eagle beef; 30 hind quarters, weighing 4,434 pounds, Eagle beef; beef tenderloins, weighing 138 pounds; 65 cases beef livers, weighing 4,184 pounds; pork tenderloins, weighing 590 pounds; 57 cases spareribs, weighing 2,850 pounds; 1 case turkeys, weighing 49 pounds; 115 cases link sausages, weighing 3,031 pounds. It was further decreed that upon payment of the costs and charges and the presentation of a bond by the Pacific Cold Storage Co., Tacoma, Wash., and the Fairbanks Meat Co., Fairbanks, Alaska, in conformity with section 10 of the Act, fixed by the court at \$3,000, providing that the condemned meats may be cooked up, canned, and sold as dog meat only, that the said condemned product be released to the claimants. It was further ordered that upon payment of all the costs and charges in connection with the seizure and care of the meats in this cause, the remainder of said meats seized shall be released from the custody of the United States marshal and turned over to the claimants herein, the said Pacific Cold Storage Co. and the Fairbanks Meat Co.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 22, 1912.*