

white oily substance had been put, which was extremely poisonous : it had a peculiar faint smell, which warned him of what was there so that he did not eat the fish. He says that various kinds of poisons have been used at different times, and that his food and drink have been tampered with wherever he was, so that at different times he has only eaten fruit and canned things, which he himself opened. Because of the fact that everything he took to drink also contained drugs, he thought he would drink malt, but the first bottle he took he believes contained some poison, so he at once assumed it had been tampered with.

The fact which led up to his being committed to the Hospital are as follows ;

He stopped work about Christmas, as noted before, and December 30th he crossed to H. P. to have a quiet Sunday and get away from his persecutors ; when he arrived there he climbed up on a second story porch of a cottage, in order that he might take off his shoes and dry his socks. He climbed up because the first porch was covered with snow and slush. He had only been there a few minutes when the policeman came along and arrested him. He was taken to No. 1 police station, where he was charged with trespassing and an attempt at housebreaking. When he was brought up in the police court the charge was changed to one of insanity. He was remanded to the gaol and from there he was committed to the Hospital.

He says that while he was in gaol he was well treated, and although possibly an attempt may have been made to tamper with his food, he does not believe he received any poison while there.