

MURDER AT DEWSBURY.

A WOMAN THROWN OVER A BRIDGE.

A shocking tragedy was enacted at Dewsbury last night, a woman having been murdered between nine and ten o'clock by being thrown over the bridge crossing the Calder at Savile Town. The alleged murderer is one Harry Walker, a fireman in the employ of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and living at Mirfield. He is a tall, thin man, about 26 years of age. He was seen by several persons to commit the act, these including Mrs. Abraham Firth, of Savile Town; Mr. Joseph Brown (Chairman of the Thornhill Local Board), who was driving over the bridge into Dewsbury; and Mr. G. W. Jepson, of Savile Town. Walker and the woman were standing on the bridge on the western side, near the first pier from Dewsbury, and suddenly stooping, the man lifted the woman up and threw her over the low iron balustrades. She gave a slight scream, then dropped into the water, and all was still. It is supposed that she struck the pier, and was so injured as to be unable to do anything to save herself. Walker ran away, but was stopped by a man named Oakes, and given into the custody of the Dewsbury police, who found that he was intoxicated. On being taken to the lockups, he was placed in the day-room under guard, and there fell into a heavy sleep. In the meantime efforts were being made to recover the body, but with slight chance of success until daylight. Who the woman is is not known, but it is believed she is of the unfortunate class.

Tuesday Morning, 1 o'clock.

The borough police, assisted by a large number of men, are still dragging the river, and a large number of people are on the bridge watching the operations. Walker since he became sober has confessed to the crime, and says he regrets what has occurred. The Chief Constable has directed several of the persons who are alleged to be eye-witnesses of the tragedy to appear before the Court this morning, when the prisoner will be brought up, and formally charged. When apprehended by Oakes, the prisoner made desperate efforts to escape.