

RIVER TRAGEDIES.

MAN JUMPS OVER BRIDGE.

The fourth drowning tragedy in four days occurred in the river, near Victoria Bridge, on Saturday evening, shortly after 6 o'clock, when a man caused a sensation by throwing himself over the bridge.

An eye-witness to the tragedy was Mrs. Gertrude Blanch, who met the deceased, whose name is said to be William Whnsky, on the bridge. They stood talking for few minutes. Whnsky then said he had been drinking heavily, and the next day, being Sunday, he would suffer as he would not be able to procure liquor. He ended by saying: "I might as well end it all. I will throw myself into the river."

Mrs. Blanch tried to dissuade him from so doing, but, taking his coat and hat off, he dropped them on to the footway, climbed on to the railing and dived into the river.

Mrs. Blanch grabbed him by the leg when he climbed on to the railing, but he pulled away. The last she saw of him was floating on his back—and then he sank.

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The body was recovered early next morning.

It is understood that the deceased, who was a returned soldier, recently came to Brisbane from Helidon.

The body that was found floating in the river, near Victoria Bridge on Saturday morning has been identified as that of John Saunders, a single man, who recently came to Brisbane from Mount Bauple, where he had been employed at the sugar mill.
