

RAILWAY LINE TRAGEDY.

MAN AND WOMAN RUN DOWN AND KILLED.

BODIES TERRIBLY MANGLED.

The shockingly-mangled bodies of a man and woman were found lying on the Bendigo line near St. Albans last night—the seventh anniversary, by the way, of the Sunshine railway disaster. The couple had evidently been walking along the track, and were run down by the Bendigo up train after jumping aside to avoid the Bendigo down train, which was approaching them from the opposite direction.

The bodies were removed by Constable Alford, of Sunshine, shortly after 9 o'clock, and were taken on to the morgue in the van attached to the incoming Bendigo train, the driver of which had seen the man and woman jump in front of the engine when it was too late to avoid a disaster.

The woman was thrown west of the Bendigo up line, and the man was lying on the east side of the down line. It was definitely ascertained by Alford that the Bendigo up and down trains had passed the spot at 7.45, and in his report the constable expresses the opinion that both the deceased had tried to avoid the down train and crossed in front of the up train. There were signs that the bodies were carried a distance of 20 yards by the constables, and then thrown aside.

The man has been identified as Walter Davies, a labourer, employed at the Albion quarries. He was about 40 years of age, and lived in Brunswick. The woman is believed to have been a widow, living at North Carlton. She was about 55 years of age. On her body was found a handkerchief marked "J. T. Rentoul."

SUNSHINE TRAGEDY

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED

BODIES IDENTIFIED

The bodies of the man and woman who were killed on the railway here last night by the Atlantic coast passenger train are identified.

The woman was Mrs. Susan, Annie Dutton, 40 years of age, a resident of Edward street, Brunswick. Her body was identified by her mother, Mr. Thomas Dutton.

Mr. Arthur Dutton, a stationer, 100, Brunswick street, of the Melbourne Railway, and identified the body of the man as that of John William Walter, Commercial Traveller, 25, St. George street, Melbourne.

At 11.15 p.m. on Monday, March 25th, the bodies of the man and woman were taken to a mortuary in the city, and on Tuesday morning they were buried in the cemetery. They were identified by their relatives, but the authorities refused to allow the bodies to be taken to a mortuary for identification, as they were already in the hands of the coroner and the police.

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ALBION FATALITY.

VICTIMS IDENTIFIED.

The bodies of the man and the woman who were run over and killed by a train near Albion railway station on Monday night have been identified as those of Walter Cornwallis Davies, 36 years of age, a resident of Brunswick, and Mrs. Sarah Agnes Butler, a married woman, 44 years of age, living at Edward street, Brunswick.

Mrs. Butler, whose husband is an invalid, left home on Monday morning to go to work, and was not seen alive again by any of her family. It is said that Davies, who was a friend of Mrs. Butler's eldest son, a man about 25 years of age, was working in a quarry near St. Albans, and it is thought possible that Mrs. Butler went there to see him on Monday, and that they were making their way to the station to catch a train when the tragedy occurred.

The St. Alban's Railway Fatality.

The victims of the railway fatality at St. Alban's, near Sunshine, on Monday night have been identified. The woman is Mrs. Sarah Butler, aged 44, and the man Walter Cornwallis Davis, aged 36, a quarryman. Both are residents of Brunswick. They were knocked down and killed by the Bendigo train shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

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RAILWAY FATALITY.

MAN AND WOMAN RUN OVER.

Constable Alford, of Sunshine, received information on March 24 that there were two bodies on the railway line near St. Albans. Proceeding to the spot indicated he found the mangled bodies of a woman on the west side of the Bendigo line and a man on the east side of the down line. The couple had evidently been walking along the track, and were run down by the Bendigo up train after jumping aside to avoid the Bendigo down train, which was approaching them from the opposite direction. They had been carried a distance of about 30 yards by the cowcatcher.

The bodies were taken to the Morgue and next day Mr Thomas Weaver identified that of the woman as his sister, Mrs Sarah Agnes Butler, 44, a resident of Edward street, Brunswick, and Mr Arthur Davies, of Glenlyon road, Brunswick, identified the man as his brother, Walter Cornwills Davies, 36, and unmarried.