

"NO STONE UNTURNED UNTIL —"

Startling Evidence By Husband At Inquest

WIFE'S DEATH

"ALLEGATIONS have been made by the husband, but the evidence before me is not sufficient for me to determine whether they are true. I do not believe the dying depositions of the woman that she brought about the event herself."

Thus, the City Coroner, Mr. Farrington, at the conclusion of yesterday's inquest

into the death of Florence Kipman, 35, of Surrey Street, Darlinghurst, who died in the Coast Hospital on November 1. The Coroner returned an open verdict, saying that the woman had died from

general peritonitis following an injury by mechanical means.

The husband, Maximilian Kipman, a commercial traveller, stated that he had been unemployed for 18 months.

An Operation

Witness said he had been told that Dr. Franklin Richards, of Macquarie Street, had performed an operation in October, and that his wife had undergone great agony as a result. Kipman said that he had been definitely against the suggestion of his wife having the operation.

Dr. Richards had called to attend the woman, afterwards in Surrey Street, and, on one occasion, witness said, he asked the doctor to send his wife to hospital.

"Mr. Kipman, we don't want to send her to hospital if we can help it. If anything is said you and I will get into trouble," Kipman said the doctor had answered.

Witness further stated that he had said to the doctor: "If that life goes, I will leave no stone unturned until you come to book. Papers will be full. I will stake my name and reputation as long as justice is meted out. I would sooner have the gunman on the road than the criminal cloaked by degrees."

No Money

Kipman said he gave his wife no money for the operation. "I had no money to give. My wife borrowed it," he added. He had heard the sum of £15 mentioned.

Dr. Richards stated that he first saw Mrs. Kipman at his rooms on October 19. She said she was in a certain condition.

"She wanted something done as her family was dependent on her earnings," continued Dr. Richards. "I told her I could do nothing for her. She called on me the next day, when she was suffering internally."

The doctor said he examined her, and carried out certain treatment. He mentioned to Mr. Kipman about removing the woman to hospital, but the suggestion had not been favorably received.



