

# Tragedy of Impulse

## LADY'S TERRIBLE FALL

An inquest was held on Thursday on Mrs. Fanny Rodocanachi, the wealthy Greek lady who died after falling 30ft. from the second-floor window of her residence in Clarendon-place, Hyde Park-square.

Her daughter (Miss Alexandra Rodocanachi) said that her mother had suffered from nervous prostration, and one day had told her "Life has no pleasures for me," but on Monday morning she appeared better, and spoke about her plans for the day. A few minutes later she heard screams, and found her mother lying on the ground. She was quite conscious, but witness asked her no questions.

Miss Alice Martha Harris, the trained nurse who had attended Mrs. Rodocanachi, spoke to picking up the lady.

George Sparks, a carpenter, described how he saw Mrs. Rodocanachi get out of the second-floor window feet first and with her back to the street. She put her feet on the moulding and fell backwards into the area. While men were carrying her upon two sheets, she asked, "What does this all mean?"

Dr. Byrne, of York-place, Baker-street, said that this was a case of sudden impulse without premeditation. The window was such that a person could not fall out without intent.

A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.