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### Final Proceedings.

The following were present at the special meeting of the Selangor State Council, held at the Astana, Klang, convened to consider the petition on behalf of Mrs Proudlock praying for the Sultan's pardon :

The Sultan of Selangor, the Acting Resident of Selangor, Mr J. O. Anthoniz, The Raja Muda, Raja Haji Bot, Raja Hus-sain, Mr E. B. Skinner, Towkay Chan Low Lin, Towkay Lee Kong Lam, Dr Gibbs, Superintendent of the Singapore Lunatic Asylum, Mr Broadrick, Secretary to the Resident, and Mr Justice Sercombe Smith, who passed sentence upon Mrs Proudlock.

Dr Gibbs was questioned as to the probable state of Mrs Proudlock's mind at the time of the tragedy, and stated that it would be advisable if observation were kept on her for some time.

The resident signed, at the Government Offices, an authority the same evening for the release of Mrs Proudlock. Shortly after seven o'clock, she was free and was being embraced outside the gates of Pudu Gaol by her husband. Her father and mother, and Miss Marjorie Charter were also there to welcome her. Mrs Proudlock was not attired in prison clothes, she having changed into clothes which her mother had forwarded. Mr Cowan, Protector of Chinese, and Mrs Cowan had placed their carriage at the service of Mr and Mrs Proudlock, who were quickly driven away from the precincts of the

prison.

Nobody save her relatives were present at her release.

She was in a highly nervous condition says the "Malay Mail" and to avoid the possibility of a breakdown was advised to retire at once on her arrival at her destination. Mr and Mrs Proudlock and Mr and Mrs Charter were the recipients of many congratulatory telegrams from the F.M.S. and the Colony.

Touching upon her future plans Mrs Proudlock in an interview accorded a representative of the "Malay Mail," the following day, said: "A complete change will be the only thing to restore me to a state approaching normal health. Tomorrow I leave Kuala Lumpur with my child for a brief retreat before I sail for Home. My husband, unfortunately, will not be able to accompany me just now, but my father will come with me instead to see me settled.

"It may not be generally known," she continued, "that as soon as the death sentence had been passed upon me I was placed

### In the Condemned Cell.

at Pudu. There I was placed on prison diet and was ordered to wear prison clothes. At that time, as you know, I had entered an appeal against the judgment. I was allowed permission to see particular friends but was only able to speak to them through the iron bars of my cell. How I must have looked I cannot say. I was watched day and night and the step was taken I am told, in order that I might not have the opportunity to do any harm to myself. I was even denied the use of a knife with which to cut food.

"As soon as I announced my decision to withdraw the appeal, however, I was taken from the condemned cell and treated as an ordinary prisoner.

"At the same time I wish to speak very highly of the considerate treatment meted out to me by Mr Galloway, Chief Gaoler, Pudu Gaol, and by other officials, who, as far as regulations allowed, showed every kindness to me.

"Throughout my incarceration, in spite



of the fate hanging over me, I felt myself justified absolutely in the act I had committed. Therefore, the horrors of my imprisonment were intensified, because I had not the knowledge that I was suffering for any sin."

Mrs Proudlock was anxious to convey to the numerous ladies and gentlemen of Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, and other places, her gratitude for the kindness shown to her.

A sister of Mrs Proudlock will probably accompany her to England.

In the course of a letter to friends and sympathisers, written after her release, Mrs Proudlock says:—

"I would like to let all my friends in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, and all over the Straits Settlements and the Peninsula know how grateful I am to them for their very great kindness towards me and my husband during the truly wretched time through which we have both just passed. But I am afraid I am not able to express all I feel.

I can only say that I have the deepest feelings of gratitude towards all—to those of every race—who have done so much for me in extending their sympathy, in petitioning their Majesties the King and Queen and His Highness the Sultan for my release, in subscribing towards the costs of an appeal, and more especially to those ladies who have been with me and helped me during my trial and who cheered me by visiting me in my cell."