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**PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM KUALA LUMPUR GAOL.**

**Twelve Desperadoes Still at Large.**

*(Special to Echo.)*

Kuala Lumpur, August 10th:—On Friday afternoon at about half past three, while 240 prisoners were working in the sheds yard, outside the walls of Pudooh Jail, a blinding rain squall, registering 2½ inches in a very short time, enveloped the whole country in a sheet of mist. Armed with deadly weapons a gang of robbers suddenly dashed through the fence at the lower end of the yard where the guard was momentarily weak. A scene of great excitement resulted; most of the prisoners rushed towards the fence they had been raising and easily overpowered the preconcerted guard. Reinforcements, however, promptly checked further escapes. The Chief warden had ineffective pot-shots with a revolver at the fleeing prisoners, and, when he gave chase, tripped into a stream adjacent to the railway. A European warden faced a Chinaman armed with a *parang* (short sword), and, after dodging several vicious slashes, felled the prisoner to earth insensible. After the rain had stopped, before nightfall, five of the runaways, devoid of clothing, were recaptured at distances ranging from one to two miles from "home", but twelve desperadoes undergoing long terms are still at large. Prompt measures have been taken to run them to earth. As a result of an investigation on Saturday Colonel Walker opined that it was impossible for the warders to shoot owing to the thick mist.

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