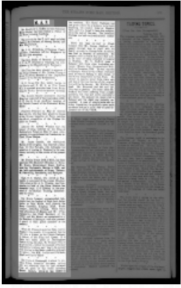




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Mr. Stamford C. Raffles (of the Federated Malay States) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

The arrivals by the P. & O. mail included Captain MacDermot, of Jebong Estate, and Mrs. MacDermot.

Mr. J. R. Nicholson, of Tanjong Pagar, and Mrs. Nicholson left for Singapore by the mail this morning.


The Raja Muda of Sarawak (Lieutenant C. V. de W. Brooke) is resigning his commission in the Sharpshooters Yeomanry.

The King has been pleased to approve of the reappointment of Mr. Robert Young to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

H. E. Chang Pat Sze, better known in the Straits and F. M. S. as Thio Tiau Siat, is expected to arrive here from Hong-kong by the s.s. *Persia* to-morrow morning.

The *London Gazette* announces that the King has approved of the nomination of Mr. G. H. Day to be an unofficial member of the Federal Council of the Federated Malay States.

President Poincaré on May 21 received Hou-wei-leh, who has been placed in charge of the Chinese Legation at Paris, pending




the official recognition of the Chinese Republic by France.

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Admiral Sir Alfred Winsloe had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on May 17, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

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Mr. James Cantlie, the well-known Harley-street surgeon, has received a letter from Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who intimates his intention of coming to England in the near future, certainly in the course of the present year.

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Mr. Evelyn Grant Duff, C M.G., has been appointed His Majesty's Minister at Berne. Mr. Evelyn Mountstuart Grant Duff entered the Diplomatic Service in 1888, and has held appointments at Rome, Teheran, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, and Budapest.

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Capt. G. C. Cayley, who served as flag-captain in command of the cruiser *Minotaur* while Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe was Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, has succeeded Capt. C. S. Hickley in the command of the Shotley Training Establishment for Boys.

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Our Kuala Lumpur correspondent telegraphs that the funeral of Raja Laut, better known as Raja Muda, took place at the Malay Cemetery, Ampang Road, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday evening. There was a large attendance of Malays and Mr. Owen, representing the Chief Secretary of the F.M.S., and Mr. Stonor, as representative of the Resident of Selangor, were also present. A guard of Sikh police attended at the cemetery.

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When M. Poincaré pays his State visit to England this month, it is expected that he will give a dinner at the French Embassy in honour of the King and Queen. If a State ball takes place at Buckingham Palace during his stay, M. Poincaré will, in all probability, follow the example of former Presidential visitors, and beg to be excused from joining in the State quadrille, although

he cannot, like MM. Loubet and Fallières, plead inability to dance.

The Duke of Connaught is about to provide a fitting home for the many curious and art treasures that he has collected from all parts of the world including British Malaya, which he has visited on

two occasions. His Royal Highness has just given orders for a museum to be built adjoining his country home at Bagshot Park, and it is hoped to have this completed by the end of the year. The Duke and Duchess are both very enthusiastic collectors.

News has been received in Kuala Lumpur that Mr. George Stafford, who passed through here in April with his family *en route* to Europe from Australia, has died in Bombay of pneumonia. He caught a chill on board ship and died within an hour of being admitted to hospital in Bombay. Mr. G. Stafford came to Selangor with three other Australian surveyors (Messrs Irby, Raymond and Wellford) in December, 1889. He was married in Selangor, where he was always stationed until he went to Pahang to take charge of the Survey Department in that State. He retired on pension about three years ago and was at the time the last of the original four still in the Service. Mr. Wellford was dead. Mr. Raymond had left and Mr. Irby was on pension. For some years Mr. Stafford had been suffering from a slight paralysis, but was still active and able to get about. He enjoyed his recent visit to Selangor and his death was certainly unexpected. A man of simple tastes and retiring disposition, he probably never made an enemy and got a good deal of quiet enjoyment out of life.—*M.M.*