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CRUELTY ON BOARD A DUTCH MERCHANT VESSEL.—The trial at the Hague of the 22 Malays for firing and deserting the Dutch barque *Twenthe*, when off Madeira, on the 12th August, 1856, has just terminated. The crown had demanded capital punishment for the ringleader, and various terms of penal servitude for the others. In the course of the evidence it transpired that they had been treated with systematic cruelty by their captain, and exasperated to madness, which sought its revenge in fastening down the captain and his mates in the cabin, and then firing the ship. Public indignation had run very high against the Malays, but when it was shown how they had been treated, and driven to desperation, they became the objects of sympathy, whilst the captain was denounced by all for the cruelties with which he had treated his Malay crew. As they had been literally starved when on board, the populace ran after the Malays when after each day's trial they were conveyed back to prison, cheering them, and throwing to them sandwiches, cakes, and tarts. They were well defended by four of the ablest advocates. The trial lasted ten days, as all the forms and evidence had to be translated into the Malay tongue. The sentence is that the two ringleaders be imprisoned for five years; two others for three years; and the other eighteen be acquitted. The crown intends to appeal against this decision. In the meantime the acquitted eighteen are detained in prison, to the disappointment of the population, who had intended to get up a triumphal procession, and escort them round the Hague. As the decision of the court implies the guilt of the captain, it is thought that the underwriters of the *Twenthe* will enter an action for the recovery of the assurance paid on the loss of that vessel.