

Crime Does Not Pay

The Crown Law Office reports that the Messrs. Perrou Bros. have been hanged. Sentences of death were passed on them some time ago after convictions for forgery. A large crowd watched the hangings.



A seaboat landing for fresh fruit and vegetables, anything else that is going.

SCURVY SCOURGE BEATEN BY COOK'S NEW RECIPE BOOK

The scourge of scurvy has been conquered. On a journey taking more than three years Captain Cook has not lost one man from this curse of the sea, and he has proved com-

brewed from malt, was always available.

The effectiveness of such methods was proved with the return of "Resolution" after a voyage of three years and with not one death from scurvy. The bill of health on "Adventure" was not so clean

pletely successful experiments he started on world voyage I. His paper on the subject, to be presented to the Royal Society, is expected to revolutionize shipboard routine. No longer will sea voyages be tests of endurance, with death the pre-ordained end for the majority of the ship's company.

Fresh food, fresh vegetables, and fresh water, with scrupulous cleanliness in the ship and by the men, will replace the unending salt meat, decaying biscuits, and conditions far from hygienic.

Sour kroust (which does not deteriorate with keeping), raw onions, orange and lemon juice, and carrot marmalade were included in the ship's meals as fully as possible. A regular issue of wort, a drink

until Captain Cook's recipe book was made available. Many of the men died, and at one stage scurvy was so bad that most of the crew's teeth were lying sideways in their heads and their hair was falling out by the tuft. When the cook died he was replaced by one of Captain Cook's own men. Changes were made, the rum ration was halved, and under the care of Surgeon W. Patten—described as a tender and affectionate nurse—a general improvement in health was quickly made.

Experiments for the "distilling" of fresh water from sea-water have also been reported by Captain Cook. They are believed to be of the utmost importance. More probably will also be heard of experiments Captain Cook made with chronometers as a means of simplifying navigation and reducing inaccuracy.



One of the Captain's Pacific currents. Cook charted New Zealand and Van Dieman's Land,

COLONIES WAR TO END SOON: APPEAL FOR MORE MEN: BURKE'S WARNING

The civil war in the American colonies continues, but foreign correspondents report there has been no major engagement since the attack in April on British troops at Lexington, where our casualties were more than two hundred men. It is reported that the United Colonies at a congress meeting at Philadelphia have appointed as their commander George Washington, not a brilliant soldier, but known for his sound judgment, indomitable perseverance, enthusiasm, and the power of inspiring others. He reiterates the claim "No Taxation without Representation."

General Gage has made another appeal for more troops and equipment. Canada Colony—with the right of Roman Catholics guaranteed and French civil law retained—remains loyal and has repelled American attacks. There is also a large body of loyalists, more particularly in the south.

Foreign office officials agree that the trouble will soon be quelled and the colonies made to accept their responsibilities and their share of taxation. Such measures as Finance Minister Grenville's Stamp Act will be enforced.

However, brilliant political observer Edmund Burke sounds a warning that, because of setbacks to our forces, might well be noted. He

predicts that unless strong measures are taken it is possible the colonists' claims will be supported by Spain, France, Holland, Russia, and the Baltic States, both with armed force and trade blockade. The loss to Britain for all time of the American colonies would be disastrous; and if Burke's predictions were fulfilled that loss would not be inconceivable.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS MADE

An appeal to the public for funds to finance a voyage to New Zealand to distribute among the Indians there all modern conveniences of civilization has been made by Dr. Franklin and Mr. Alex. Dalrymple.

GOV. GEN. CLEARED: ACCUSER TO HANG

The verdict of guilty brought against Governor-General of India, Warren Hastings, on charges of corruption has been quashed.

The tables have been turned. Nandkumar, Indian Chief, accuser

A pamphlet—"Scheme of a Voyage to Convey the Conveniences of Life, Domestic Animals, Corn, Iron, &c., to New Zealand"—has been distributed.

"Those who think it their duty to ask for daily bread and other blessings from Heaven should regard it as an equal duty to distribute those blessings when they come to hand to those less fortunate than themselves," said Dr. Franklin last night. These Indians, he continued, were destitute of corn, fowls, and all quadrupeds except dogs—it appeared that the cupboards were so bare that at times this brave and generous race had nothing to eat but each other. When the necessary money was raised, it was intended to send to New Zealand such conveniences of life as fowls, hogs, goats, cattle, iron, &c. (it is suggested that the ship chosen will be named "Noah's Ark II").

and first witness for the prosecution, an old enemy of Hastings, has been tried and found guilty of forgery. His sentence is death by hanging.

The charges bring to mind the career of Lord (Robert) Clive (died 1774), who did more for his country than any soldier since John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, and more for the Indian peoples than any statesman in history. How he was rewarded on his return from India is expressed in Clive's own words—"They treated me like a common sheep-stealer." It appears that Hastings' political enemies have forgotten nothing.



Captain Cook, Pacific explorer: he knows every current.