



WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?

and it was but natural that he should fight it with the weapons his former state of plenty suggested. Murders became frequent, and convictions were difficult. Contempt of human life had been taught by the new food, a contempt which all the ingenious sophistries of the clergy failed to eradicate. It required no prophetic wisdom to foresee a great revolution.

In 1980 the storm burst. Headed by skilful leaders, the London workingmen made a *coup d'etat*, which inundated the capital with noble blood. The royal palaces and the houses of the wealthy were sacked, and their inmates hurried to the abattoirs, and there converted into food for the starving poor. Everywhere anarchy and cannibalism reigned supreme. Thus perished that old feudal aristocracy at the hands and by the mouths of the human hyenas its cruelties had developed.

While England was in such a deplorable state Ireland was enjoying a degree of prosperity which placed her in the van of civilization. The wise land measures of the Irish Parliament had gently and painlessly exorcised the demon of pauperism.

A people so generous as the Irish could not regard the distracted state of their sister kingdom without pity, which prompted them to endeavor to give to this unhappy people the blessings of peace, order and liberty. A large Irish army was landed on the west coast of England, and after a series of bloody battles the rebellion was crushed

and order restored. A republic was declared, and the first important measure passed by its Parliament was a Land Act modelled after that of Ireland. This inaugurated an era of prosperity which has continued to the present day. Thus Ireland, falsifying the dark, prejudiced forebodings of anti-Home-Rule seers, showed herself able not merely to govern her own affairs with discretion and success, but also to take a noble and Christian revenge on her former oppressor and present rival in all peaceful arts of modern civilization.

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THIS HAPPENED IN NEW YORK.

UPTOSNUFF—"Yes, I feel rather lonely, though I am at home. Most of my friends are in Canada, where I spent my vacation."

GREENER—"How do you happen to have friends in Canada? You were never there before, were you?"

UPTOSNUFF—"I'm an ex-alderman, you know."

JUST AS BAD.

EARLY—"Did you find your wife sitting up for you when you got home last night?"

LAYTE (*dejectedly*)—"She was laying for me."