

REBELS IN FORCE.

Peking Said to Be in Danger of an Attack.

The Murderous Mongolians Secretly Supported by the People.

Terrible Massacre at Takou—Not a Single Christian Escaped—The Murderers Feted by Mandarins.

SPECIAL TO THE MORNING CALL.

PEKING, Nov. 30.—The Government is fully aware of the serious condition which confronts it, and every possible step is being taken to get within striking distance of the capital. There is much excitement here among all classes of the population, and the authorities believe that if they can inflict a defeat upon the rebel forces it will have a good effect upon the people of Peking and vicinity. It is believed many people are secretly in favor of the rebels, but should the imperial force do battle with the insurgents and defeat them the contents would then side with the Government.

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It is now said that the local mandarins agreed to allow the rebels free license for the purpose of carrying out their work, but no harm to other inhabitants. These terms were accepted by the Christians, who pursued their work without hindrance. Three hundred European and native Christians were massacred, and not a single Christian in the district escaped. Consideration prevails among the Protestant missionaries through which it is expected the rebels will pass. The local officials at Takou have declared they are powerless to do anything for the missionaries, and that if they desired to save their lives they had better seek safety in flight. The missionaries, however, have refused to abandon their stations and sought refuge in safer parts of the country.

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IMPRESSIVE EVENT.

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Grand Pontifical Mass, Concluding With a Solemn Episcopal Blessing.

Monster Torchlight Procession and Banquet. Remarks by Cardinal Gibbons. The Pope's Gift.

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ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Just fifty years ago Peter Kenrick was consecrated Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. Today his golden jubilee was celebrated with great pomp. Only once before has the golden jubilee of a Bishop been celebrated— that of John McElroy, Archbishop of Tuam, Ireland, eleven years ago. It is an event so rare that the whole world is interested in it, and in this case not simply because such celebrations are infrequent, but because Archbishop Kenrick filled these fifty years with usefulness and good, and were it not for an act on a notable occasion, when he declared his belief in the Holy Trinity, he would have been no less a Prince in the Church.

A grand pontifical mass, commemoative of the occasion, began at 9 o'clock in the historic old cathedral on Walnut street, with the singing of the Mass by the choir. The officiating priest was Cardinal Gibbons, who presided at the altar. The mass was celebrated by Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ryan, assisted by a number of priests. The altar was dressed in magnificent style with flowers, evergreens and garlands. The ceremony concluded with a solemn episcopal blessing. The music of the mass was magnificent. The mass selected for the occasion, "Messe Solenne," was sung by the choir, and was rendered several times.

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VICTORIA'S HEALTH.

England's Queen Suffers From Rheumatism.

Her Majesty's Visit to Florence Postponed for the Present.

Prince Victor's Serious Illness—A Royal Birthday Present—Gladstone's Health Injured by Public Speaking.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Edmund Yates' special cablegram to the Tribune from London says that the Queen is suffering from rheumatism, and that her Majesty's visit to Florence is postponed for the present. The Queen has been in the best possible health during the autumn, and is perfectly well now, except for occasional attacks of rheumatism, a malady to which she has been subject during the last nine years; but it usually attacks the knees only. The Queen's recent touch of rheumatism was caused by imprudently driving from Brno to Balmoral after dark on a cold raw night in an open carriage, and I hear that Sir William Jenner has positively prohibited such risky expeditions in future.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are both anxious to pay another visit to Florence and Empress Frederick wishes to make a lengthened stay there, but until a perfectly clean bill of health can be issued and the sanitary arrangements and water supply certified to be unexceptionable, that city cannot be favored with the presence of royal personages. The Queen would like to pass Easter at Villa Palmira, which dowager Lady Crawford has placed at her Majesty's disposal, but it is doubtful whether the sanitary and other improvements which are being carried out in Florence will be complete in time to allow of the Queen going there next spring.

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