

TOLSTOI BORN OF NOBLE ANCESTRY

Famous Novelist, Frolicsome as Child, Always Thought Self Ugly.

WAS GAMBLER IN YOUTH

Because Habit Was Acquired, Young Socialist Reformer Loses University Education—Petersburg Life Distasteful.

Count Tolstoy was born at Yasnaya Polyana, on August 29, 1828. His father was Count Nikolai Ilyich, who served in the Pavlograd Regiment of Hussars, being taken prisoner by the French in the campaign of 1812. Tolstoy's mother was Princess Volkonskaya. She was descended from a Montenegro family, and died when the famous author was 5 years old.

As a child Tolstoy was frolicsome and lively. He described himself somewhat in his book "Boyhood." "I was modest by nature," he wrote, "but my modesty was still further increased by conviction of my own ugliness. My appearance, I was convinced, was unattractive, and I could not even console myself with the usual compensating comfort. I could say only that I had an expressive, intelligent or aristocratic face. There was no expression in it at all—the most ordinary, coarse and homely features. When I looked at the glass, seemed stupid rather than intelligent.

Big Feet Thought Disgraceful.

There was still less of anything manly. Notwithstanding the fact that I was not of short stature, and very strong for my years, all the features of my face were soft, flabby and unformed. There was nothing whatever about it that spoke of gentle birth. On the contrary, my face was exactly like a muzhik's, and had the same kind of big feet and hands, and this seemed to me at that time very disgraceful.

Count Tolstoy entered the University of Kazan, but in 1846 he suddenly left the school and returned home without taking his degree. It may be that the real secret of his action lay in the fact that he had become addicted to gambling. He took part in the Crimean War and wrote the famous "Sevastopol" sketches, which, when published, gave him rank among the literary lights of the capital. He was then about 26.

At the time he went to Petersburg, according to his own account, confirmed by those who knew him then, he was wild, reckless and overbearing. He is said not to have had any of the sincerity of his fellow men, and his piercing glance made more than one speaker tremble in his presence. He took delight in stirring up unaccepted opinions and in exasperating his friends.

The dissipated, futile Petersburg life soon palled on the young Count, and last the idea germs that are found scattered all through his novels, even in the earliest, began to develop. He finally abandoned the study of law, and read the Tishendorf text of the New Testament, and made the discovery that the translations were completed by interpolated words that altered the sense. The central command of his new faith was "Resist Not Evil." This simple, single restriction meant the abolition of courts and armies, of prisons and punishments.

Tolstoy's Doctrine Revealed.

"Let all the world practice this doctrine of Jesus," said the Count, "and the reign of God on earth will come. If I alone practice it, I shall do what I can to better my own condition and the condition of those about me."

To this end he immediately began to organize his own life in accordance with his new theory. Man was a complex being with brute strength in back and muscles; therefore the Count showed before the public, as a colossus, a man with a brain; therefore the Count exercised that organ by writing simple, direct stories for the masses. Man had capacities for joy and enjoyment; therefore the Count received his friends in the evening.

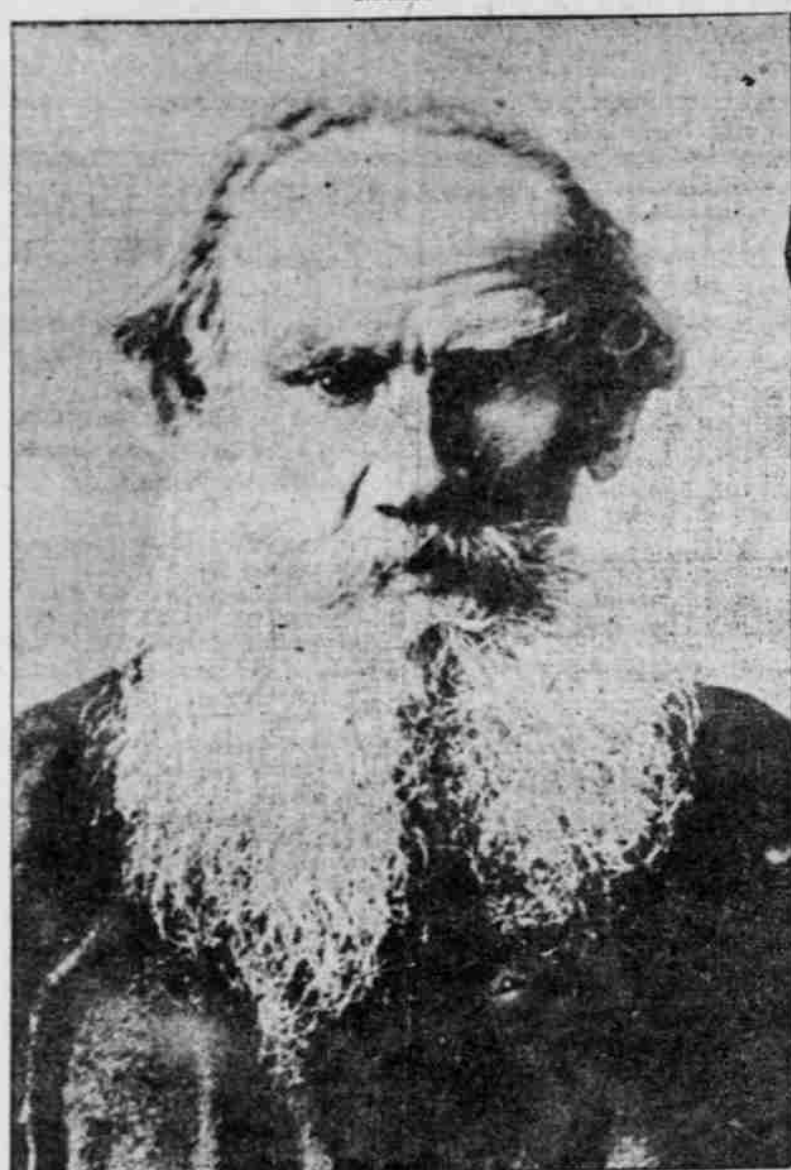
In 1864, at the close of the Crimean War, Tolstoy resigned his commission and determined he would devote himself to letters. Tolstoy strongly opposed the war with Japan, but, of his pronouncements had no effect. Toward the close of the conflict, when defeat after defeat had shown the Russian people how useless and expensive were the soldiers, how corruptible ruled the military government officers and the palace, and when the deep murmurs for reforms became louder, Tolstoy wrote a remarkable letter to the Emperor, which never reached the Winter Palace, but it was given a conspicuous place in European journals. The letter simply addressed the Emperor as "Dear Brother." It informed him that dissatisfaction was increasing, notwithstanding 39 years of barbarous repression.

Hold Words to the Czar.

"Brother Nicholas, let me tell you that the times are past when the people regard the czar as a mundane and inviolable god. The people know well that rulers are creatures of accident, that there were good and bad czars, yes, and indifferent czars. If you value your crown and the happiness of your son, wife, children, relatives and people, stop the misery prevailing in Russia before it is too late. Give liberty to the working masses—political and economical liberty. Return to the people the land stolen from them. Give the peasants legal rights with the city dwellers. Abolish independent arbitrary, drunken and vile officials. Abolish the rule empowering governors to declare martial law and kill at their pleasure. Abolish every law and regulation opposed to reading, instruction and education, all class laws, and all laws interfering with worship. Forbid the punishment of persons who have deserted the orthodox church, and, above all, Brother Nicholas, listen to the voice of your people while it is respectfully expressed. If you do not, you may be forced to listen to it under the most unfavorable circumstances."

Tolstoy closed his letter to the Czar as abruptly as he opened it. "Dear Brother," he wrote, "I have done my duty. Do yours."

RECENT PORTRAIT OF GREAT RUSSIAN WHO DIED LAST NIGHT.



LEO TOLSTOI.

Czar's troops and again closed with, "Farewell, Nicholas, I have done my duty."

Religious Views Radical.

On the question of religious liberty Tolstoy was extremely radical. He had suffered for his liberal views by having been excommunicated in 1901, at which time he even was threatened with exile, but powerful friends at court thwarted the scheme of the late M. Pobiedonostoff, then procurator of the Holy Synod, who had become enraged over the teachings of Tolstoy, and who desired that he be banished. Tolstoy was permitted to remain in Russia, but he was summarily cast out of the Orthodox church.

Yasnaya Polyana, where Count Tolstoy was born, and where he lived the most of his life, is situated near the City of Tula, and is about 200 miles from Moscow. It comprises an estate of 2000 acres, which has been under cultivation for hundreds of years. In 1890 Count Tolstoy published his "Kreutzer Sonata," with its odd theory of morals. About that time he began to prepare for his death. He made over to his wife and his children his entire fortune, and deposited his memoirs in the curator of the Rumyantsov Museum on condition that they should not be opened until ten years after his death. In 1893 appeared "The Kingdom of God Within Us," and in 1894 "Patriotism and Christianity," a critique of the Franco-Russian alliance, which was published in translation by the London Chronicle.

CENSUS FIGURES READY

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY.

Totals for Seattle and Portland Will Be Given on Same Day.

Spokane to Wait.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 19.—Census Director Durand, said today that he expected to announce the population of Portland and Seattle on Tuesday or Wednesday next, and that, in all probability, the same day because of the rivalry between them.

Seattle, as heretofore stated, will show a greater population than Portland, due largely to the fact that the city limits of Seattle have been extended since 1900 to take in adjacent suburbs, whereas several adjacent suburbs of Portland, which in reality form part of the city, are not inside the corporate limits and therefore are not included in census figures.

While no definite statement is yet obtainable, it is understood that if the possible limit to the census of the corporate limits of Seattle, the Oregon metropolis would show a larger population than Seattle.

The population of Boise will be announced in the middle of next week but Spokane is being held up awaiting further information.

IRISH MARTYRS HONORED

Hibernians to Hold Memorial Services for Manchester Heroes.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will commemorate tomorrow night the memory of the Manchester martyrs, Allen Larkin and O'Brien, who were executed in England, November 23, 1867. The exercises will be held in Woodmen of the World Temple, Eleventh and Alder streets. In memory of the heroes of the Irish revolution, the national song selection, "God Save Ireland," was dedicated as the men joined hands and marched to the scaffold.

TOLSTOI IS DEAD

Count Splendid Patient to End, Say Doctors.

DEATH-GRIP HOLDS GIRL

During One of Heart Attacks, Daughter of Dying Man Clutched by Father, Who Whispers 'Now End Has Come; That Is All.'

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affected by the approaching death of Russia's great writer. His heart beat its last apparently without him having had a clear moment to enable him to say farewell or cast a forgiving look upon his wife and children. All day the Countess was unconscious in her pitiful impingement of one doctor after another to gain entrance to the one-story, humble out-dwelling, with two windows facing the garden, where Tolstoy lay.

After the first cardiac attack Dr. Titchubrovsky promised he would announce her presence to the Count at a favorable opportunity. The second attack came just after a two-hours' sleep. The members of the family were summoned hurriedly.

Family Is Summoned.

The condition of the patient, however, was so grave that he was put to sleep again by injections of morphine as the only means of deferring the end.

The family was then admitted for a few minutes to the bedside. Another attack occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning and the family gathered again. The Countess was prevailed upon to retire. Later when the end came, in addition to the Countess, four sons and three daughters were present.

Tolstoy, accompanied only by Dr. Makovetaki, left his home at Yasnaya Polyana with the purpose of ending his days in solitude, to which he more and more inclined in his latter years. His pilgrimage led him to the monastery at Shamardine, in the province of Kaluga, where he remained as the guest of his sister, Maria, who is a nun in the Cloister.

Pilgrimage Is Resumed.

Learning that his retreat had been discovered he insisted upon proceeding on his journey to the Caucasus, where he hoped to spend his last days close to the Tolstoin colony on the shores of the Black Sea.

But on the railroad journey he was overcome with exhaustion and the cold, and Dr. Makovetaki was compelled to have him transferred to the flag station at Astapova, where he was made as comfortable as possible in the rude wooden building.

For five days he had lain there, suffering first from bronchitis and later from inflammation of the lungs. Specialists were called from Moscow and other places, but notwithstanding their utmost efforts, the heart of the great Russian responded but feebly to restoratives and stimulants administered.

Hope Is Abandoned.

Saturday the attacks of heart failure increased alarmingly and many hours prior to the end the physicians had given up all hope. Countess Tolstoy was admitted to the sick room for the first time last night, but her husband failed to recognize her.

She had hastened to him when she learned several days ago that his illness was serious, but the physicians had deemed it advisable that she be kept away from the Count, fearing that her presence might cause the patient emotion.

Other members of the family from time to time were admitted to the presence of their father, and his daughter, Alexandra, has been in constant attendance.

BLAME GIVEN WEST

Prices Go Up as Operations of Ranchmen Narrow.

SECRETARY WILSON TALKS

Irrigation in Humid Sections Will Be Necessary, He Says—Hard Times Are Predicted Under Democratic Congress.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The United States Land Irrigation Exposition was formally opened today. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, delivered the principal address. He declared that the homesteador of the West is in part to blame for the present high costs of living, and also predicted a return to hard times under Democratic control of Congress.

"The homesteador," he said, "is reducing the field of operations of the meat harvest of the West and becoming quite a factor in the cost of living." Other causes, he said, were the great immigration to this country and the movement to the cities. The recent tumble in the prices of meat he attributed to drought in the range country and the big corn and oat crops.

He declared that much remains to be done in improving the country's farming conditions.

Soil Nation's Best Asset.

The new lands opened up under the homestead act of half a century ago "were a country's blessing," he asserted, "for temporary profit by soil robbers who were experts of their kind." Owing to such management, the yield of crops of such great value as that which pertains to our soils.

More Irrigation Needed.

"The day will come," he declared, "when irrigation will be applied as a matter of National necessity to the growing of crops in the humid regions of the country, some bumper crops of corn, wheat and other crops have been done for hundreds of years in European countries that have over forty inches of rainfall.

"We will have to begin at the sources of our rivers in the mountains where the rivulet forms the creek and the creek eventually forms the river. Reservoirs will be built at the heads of streams to be used in periods of drought. All countries of which I have any knowledge, have periods of drought. Some of our states have ninety inches of rainfall and yet they have periods of drought. These dry times prevent the growing of maximum crops.

Southern States Active.

"Efforts are being made by the Federal and state governments to help in these dissections. The members of the work being done in the Southern States in the way of offering prizes to boys who will produce bumper crops of corn, potatoes, tobacco and other things.

"It is only a question of time," he added, "when the South will ship cattle and hogs to the great centers of population and contribute toward the food of our people. It has raised its maximum crops the last two years.

"All parts of the country, the East particularly," he said, "should produce more of its own fruits, which," he added, "are at home there but not grown anywhere in sufficient quantities to enable the people of the United States to get fruit at reasonable prices. Fruit just now is a luxury."

Pitcher Shelters Fire Victims.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Edward Reulbach, host of the National pitcher, played and as many crying children last night. Seven families were driven to the streets and two sleeping infants rescued and carried from the crib by their terrified mothers in a fire which attacked an apartment-house, causing a loss of \$20,000. The Reulbach home, which adjoins the burned building, was turned into a small emergency hospital. Dr. Alice S. Conklin, who returned to her burning apartment to rescue two children, risked possible death from suffocation. Although slightly injured by a fall in escaping, she carried the birds to safety.

Union of 800,000 Girls Aimed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Woman's Trade Union League of New York has formed a large committee which will endeavor to unionize all of the 800,000 working girls in Greater New York.

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endeavor to unionize all of the 800,000 working girls in Greater New York. With this end in view the city is to be divided into districts, each member of the committee to be in charge of a district.

Each committee woman is to go to the wives of trade unionists in her district and induce them to wear buttons with the inscription: "Organize; we are with you."

The delegates are to be asked to go to all places where there are working girls, mingle with them and use their best efforts to organize them.

Manila Death Rate Lowered.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The employment of modern sanitary methods in the Philippines has resulted in improved health conditions and a notable fall in the death rate, according to statistics gathered by the Manila report of a New York medical journal.

The rate is as follows: Americans, 12.9; Spaniards, 15.6; Chinese, 13.2; Europeans, other than Spaniards, 21.7; Filipinos, 36.9.

Boston Tea Party Relic Is Gift.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 19.—John R. Tweeddale, Princeton graduate, now living in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, has presented to the university library a small tin of tea which he says was one of that thrown into Boston harbor by the famous Boston Tea Party in 1773. The sample is accompanied by an affidavit swearing that the article is genuine. The tea was obtained by one of Mr. Tweeddale's ancestors and has been carefully preserved during succeeding generations.

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The birthrate in 25 great towns in England, in 1909, was 2.7; at 1908, the death rate averaged 14.7.