

Tolstoy's Flight And Death

His Last Unhappy Days Described by P. A. Boulanger.

The Attitude of His Wife and Some of His Sons the Cause of His Leaving Home—Meant to Go Abroad and Was Taken Ill While on the Way—His Death.

A long and interesting account of Tolstoy's last days, written by P. A. Boulanger, who was at Astapovo when the writer died, has appeared in the Times. The article sets forth the motives which led to Tolstoy's departure from Yasnaya Polyana, and describes the incidents of his last journey and illness.

"The last year of Tolstoy's life," says Mr. Boulanger, "was one of most strenuous self-control. Day by day he felt the irritable, angry and offensive attitude of his wife and of some of his sons toward him, and he constantly struggled with himself not to allow any ill-will toward them to arise within him."

"On the night of Nov. 9, when Tolstoy was in bed and had put out the light, the countess, believing him to be asleep, entered his study and began to search among his papers. Tolstoy heard this and a chill of indignation and revolt rose in him, with such strength that he could not subdue them."

"He counted his pulse, which was beating very quickly and irregularly, and suddenly he felt that it was useless to remain in his old home any longer. He had to go away and realize his long-dreamed dream of living a solitary and humble life."

"When the countess in the study ceased and Tolstoy had assured himself that the countess was asleep in her bed-room, he rose, collected his papers and went to tell his friend, Dr. Makovitsky, that he had decided to leave the house at once. It was 3 o'clock in the morning."

"After closing the door into the next room, that the countess might not hear his preparations, he packed his papers and the necessary clothing. He took only two changes of underclothing, evidently considering that quite enough for his future life. Then he went to awake his son, a doctor, and bade her good-bye. She was staggered and grieved that he did not take her with him."

"It will now be prepared to face the plain life and perhaps the poverty that awaits us," he asked.

"Yes, my life you like, paper, only not to part from you, she answered."

"Then Tolstoy promised to let her know where he went, that she might join him, but he would not tell her at once where he was going, for fear his mother's distress might cause his daughter to betray his whereabouts, and that the countess could follow him."

"Having said good-bye to his daughter, Tolstoy went to the station to order a house to be lent to him to take him to the railway station, St. Petersburg."

"Dr. Makovitsky and the Countess Alexandra brought his portmanteau and other things, and the stable yard, and without returning to the house he again took leave of his daughter and drove to the station with Makovitsky."

"All the way he was agitated, fearing that the countess might awake and overtake him, and that one of those scenes would ensue from which his nerves were already suffering."

"When at last he had taken his seat in the train he gave a sigh of relief. He decided to go first to his sister, a nun living in the Shamordino Monastery, ten miles from Opatovskoye. She was bound to him by tender memories from childhood, and he wished to bid her good-bye before commencing the new life."

"She was amazed to see him, but at once guessed what had happened. Their meeting was very touching and they both wept for a long time. He then went for a long time to the quiet, peaceful surroundings in which the nuns lived. Tolstoy said he would be happy to live under such conditions and would be ready to live in a monastery if only they would not force him to submit to the orthodox ritual. He took a room in the convent hotel and let his youngest daughter know that she might join him."

"On Nov. 12 he began to complain of feeling indisposed and on the morning of Nov. 13, while on his way to the station, he suddenly fell ill. He was taken to the station and he died there on Nov. 20, at the age of 82 years."

"The countess had already been informed of her husband's whereabouts, and she travelled to Astapovo by special train, accompanied by her eldest daughter and her sons. Before her arrival Tolstoy's youngest daughter, Alexandra, and a devoted friend of hers, Dr. Makovitsky's daughter, and his young friend (the one who had followed Tolstoy to Shamordino), were with the sick man. Seeing that Alexandra, who knew the patient's constitution well and had tended him during a very long illness, was not there, Tolstoy said:

"Those around Tolstoy realized the danger of allowing the countess to see him under any circumstances, especially as he himself in his notes referred to the fact that it would be painful for him to be found by her, and he would not be able to bear an interview. It was decided, therefore, not to let her know that the whole family were assembled at the station, and to persuade the countess not to show herself to the invalid."

"Only his eldest son, Sergei, and his daughter Tatiana were allowed to see him. Tolstoy was much surprised and seemed excited when he saw his son. He said to him:

"How did you know where I was?" he asked.

"The guard of the train you went by told me you had gone in this direction, and I wanted to see you," the latter answered.

"When he first saw his daughter Tatiana he became anxious, and asked:

"With whom have you left your mother?" Tatiana hastened to assure him that two of her brothers were with her, but she could not make up her mind to tell him that her mother was also there at the station.

"During the night of the 16th he was very restless and moaned aloud, being troubled with his cough and heartburn. At 2 p.m. the sick man suddenly sat up in bed and said in a loud, distinct voice: 'This is the end.'"

"He only, there are many people in the world such as Leo Tolstoy, and you have all gathered around this one Leo!"

"The last, not the strength to say more. A sudden collapse of the heart's action followed."

"Toward the evening his condition was again better."

"As his pulse was growing weaker and weaker, they sent word to the countess, who waited close by for the moment when she might be allowed to see her husband."

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Knowing from their records where the bottles had been thrown overboard, the bureau has been able to trace, in a general way, the path they must have followed. Being partially filled with air and then securely corked, the bottles float on the surface of the water, and go wherever the wind

