

ANGELENO PRIZES TOLSTOY'S LETTER

Probably Last of Sage's Communications Was Received by Griffith J. Griffith

PHILOSOPHER PRAISES BOOK
Local Author Considers Great Russian's Epistle in Light of Valued Treasure

Probably the last letter written by Count Leo N. Tolstoy, who died recently, to any person in America, is in the possession of Col. Griffith J. Griffith, to whom it was sent in response to a communication from him to the great philosopher, together with a copy of the Angeleño book, "Crime and Criminals."

Under the date of March 23 of this year, Col. Griffith, who is known as a disciple of the great Russian writer, an admirer of his life and thoughts and a close reader of his books, sent the following letter:

"Sir: Having written a book on the question of 'Crime and Criminals,' we found that our investigations forced us to the conclusion that violence and brutality can beget only violence and brutality and that to attempt to suppress crime by such methods is but to make it infinitely worse. 'Asking ourselves who was most closely identified with this conclusion we were unanimously of the opinion that you had indicated, above all others, year after year and decade after decade, the principles which examination of the facts in the case had driven us to adopt.

"It is with the profoundest respect, therefore, that we have ventured to dedicate to you the accompanying volume, entitled, 'Crime and Criminals.' We trust you will accept with it the assurance of our most affectionate regard extended across the seas to one whom we recognize as a master worker in a cause that knows no limitations of race or territorial boundaries. 'With the deepest respect, we remain,

"PRISON REFORM LEAGUE.
"GRIFFITH J. GRIFFITH,
"Secretary and Treasurer."

Answering under date of April 16, 1910, from his residence at Polonia, Russia, Count Tolstoy wrote in English as follows:

"Dear Sir: Thank you heartily for sending your book. I have only looked it through and I think it is a book that is most necessary in our time. I will read it with the greatest attention and will then express to you my more thorough opinion on it."

"LEO TOLSTOY."
Colonel Griffith, considering the letter one of his greatest treasures and dearest his intention of never parting with the communication from the philosopher in whose footsteps he sees to follow and whose death caused him so much grief.

"My book," said Col. Griffith, "concerns Tolstoy to be the greatest instructor of the immortal law of behavior, whose springs from like love is reflected in love and hate is a progeny of hate."

**MEMBERS OF SUNSET CLUB
MEET AT ORIENTAL FEAST**
Annual Dinner Is Given in Elaborately Decorated Hall

With all the splendor of the Orient the annual dinner of the Sunset club of Los Angeles was held last evening at Levy's cafe. The banquet room was decorated with 20,000 worth of Japanese, Chinese and East Indian art works and presented a magnificent appearance. At one side of the room, resting on an altar, with a huge brazen incense burner before it, was a huge board of beads, beads, on a pedestal, and the lighting of willow. The room was hung with fancy screens, tapestries of great value and huge Japanese lanterns.

Before the dinner the annual parade took place. The members of the club, of whom there were sixty present, dressed in their picturesque costumes of oriental design assembled in the outer room. Then at the signal, with nothing but the burning oil lamps of the cooks' assistants to light their way, the marchers passed around the room. The Sunset club holds one of these dinners each year. Its membership is made up of professional men of the city.

**CLERGYMEN WILL ADDRESS
THROUGH AT UNION SERVICE**

Union liberal religious services will be held Sunday evenings at Blanchard hall, 223 South Broadway, under the auspices of the First Unitarian church, the First Universalist church, and the Los Angeles Fellowship. The program for Sunday evening will take the form of a symposium on the topic, "The Message of Liberal Religion." Rev. E. Stanton Hodgins, minister of the Unitarian church, will discuss "The Message to the Thinking Man," Dr. E. E. Nash, Universalist, will speak on "The Message to the Man of Faith," and Reynolds E. Blight, minister of the Fellowship, will talk on "The Message to the Man of Affairs."

These meetings will be in the nature of a liberal revival, although the organizers disclaim any desire to proselyte. In an interview Mr. Blight says: "The purpose of these weekly gatherings will not be primarily to discuss matters of dogma, but to deepen and broaden the religious life of the people. The subjects will be vital and spiritual in character. The members of the three churches are entering into the movement with great enthusiasm." The music will be a special feature of the services, and the singers of the various churches will have charge of the programs. Miss Margaret Goetz will have charge of the music the first evening.

**SCHOOL DEPUTY OBSERVES
25TH YEAR OF SERVICE**

M. E. Bettinger, deputy superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the schools of this city and received a number of remembrances from his many friends in honor of the event. Mr. Bettinger has been continually in the service of the school system of Los Angeles for twenty-five years, missing scarcely a day. Among other gifts were bouquets from the different schools and numerous cards of congratulation and good will from the teachers and school officials throughout the city.

Facsimile of Last Letter Sent to an American by Late Leo Tolstoy

Dear Sir,
Thank you heartily for sending your book. I have only looked it through and I think that it is a book that is most necessary in our times. I will read it with the greatest attention and will then express to you my more thorough opinion on it.
Leo Tolstoy

2 CHILDREN HURT WHEN AUTO HITS MILK WAGON

Tots Go Away So as Not to Annoy Sick Mother and Meet with an Accident

Because they asked their father to take them away from the house so that they wouldn't bother their sick mother with their noise, Dolly and Willie Shubrook, 5 and 6 years old, living at 121 East Fourteenth street, met with an accident at Third and Hill streets last night, the boy receiving a deep laceration over the left eye and the girl two badly sprained fingers. The mother of the children has been seriously ill for several days and her condition has been aggravated by the noise Willie and Dolly made while playing in the house. When told this yesterday morning the children asked their father, who is a milk wagon driver, to let them accompany him on his rounds.

"If we stay away from home all day," Willie and Dolly told their mother, "mamma will be better when we return."

Giving in to the wishes of the children the father took Willie and Dolly with him on his rounds. The children enjoyed the long ride, but as darkness came they became anxious about their mother and asked the father to hurry home. After delivering his last bottle of milk Shubrook whipped up his horses. While rounding the corner on Hill street at Third his wagon collided with a speeding automobile. The wagon was hurled and the children and Shubrook thrown against the curb. Shubrook was not injured. The children were treated at the receiving hospital.

"I don't want to go home tonight," sobbed Willie. "When mamma hears I'm hurt she will get worse."

Dolly refused to leave the hospital and had to be picked up bodily and placed in the wagon.

**'LOCK ME UP, OR I WILL GO
CRAZY,' MAN BEGS POLICE**

Angeleno Held by St. Louis Officers on Embezzlement Charge

Word has been received in Los Angeles that John D. Morgan, formerly steward of the California hospital in St. Louis, has surrendered himself to the police of St. Louis and confessed the embezzlement of over \$900 of the hospital's funds last August. He is held on a charge of embezzlement. Morgan is reported to have said to a St. Louis policeman:

"In his confession Morgan stated that he went on a joy ride with a party of friends on the last Sunday in August, and as he needed money took all there was in the hospital's safe at the time, about \$900. Morgan claims to have formerly been steward of the Amanuade club in South Pasadena."

Dr. Walter Lindley, medical director of the hospital, said yesterday that this evening at 9:30 clock last August he and he did take an amount of money, which Dr. Lindley said was \$200. The authorities of the hospital have had detectives on Morgan's trail since his disappearance.

**MEMBERS OF GAMUT CLUB
WILL HOLD HIGH JINKS**

Secrecy Veils Festivities Planned by Organization

From the appearance of a number of large envelopes which were delivered among members of the Gamut club yesterday and the expression on the faces of said members after reading the message contained, it is thought there will be something of a startling nature doing at the Gamut club house this evening at 9:30 clock. The members will not tell what is to happen—that is, they will not tell any more than their looks tell for them, but in some manner a slipper race for having five cans of onion in the "High Jinks" time had come at the Gamut club.

The signature of Andy W. Francisco is at the bottom of each of the mysterious looking letters sent out, and this fact alone seems to have struck terror to the hearts of those who will be his subjects this evening. It is said that Andy has been stringing up a little on the tactics of Nero and other first class tyrants and is in great form to conduct the "High Jinks."

OPHIO POSSESSOR ARRESTED
Pan Han, a Chinese barber, was fined \$10 yesterday morning by Police Judge Rose for having five cans of opium in his possession. He was arrested Thursday evening by members of the Chinatown squad who discovered the drug in Han's shop.

GAME WARDEN PROTESTS IN DEFENSE OF PIGEONS

Painters and Cleaners at Courthouse Must Obtain Squabs at Market Hereafter

One of the few, if not the only hunting grounds in Los Angeles county where one can shoot game in abundance and without the legal requirement of a state license is the top of the courthouse.

Hunting is described as excellent there, especially by those who are demons for squab pot pie, as pigeons by the hundreds make the little turrets and odd spaces in the stone work their homes and have up into practice the anti-race suicide theories of T. R. But while one may hunt there without a state license, as the pigeons are not considered wild birds, there are two other requirements, according to W. J. Dunn, county game warden. The two requisites are a permit from city authorities to discharge firearms in the municipal limits and also a permit from the supervisors to make the attack on the pigeons.

HUNTING ON THE COURTHOUSE

In time past there it has been necessary for the game warden or his deputies to mount the tower of the courthouse and shoot the squabs and pigeons by the score, their numerical strength being the source of extra work for the janitors and caretakers of the courthouse generally.

Much of the despoiling of the pigeons' homes by modern and shot, therefore, has been confined to officials, but the result proved just as appetizing to those who obtained the spoils of the hunt. Still, according to Mr. Dunn, the hunting is good and is not impossible for others to enjoy.

Frequently the negro janitors take a pole and dislodge from their nests a sufficient number of squabs to make a meal for a family and often when painters or window cleaners journey aloft and into one of the way sections of roof and tower they return with a sackful of squabs.

BISHOP CONATY ATTENDS FETE; CHILDREN REJOICE

Santa Claus and Bishop Conaty have become synonymous to the poor children of the city parishes, for each year the two make a round of visits, bearing happiness and cheer with them. Yesterday the gas made their appearance for the holiday season at the Plaza church for the Christmas tree and entertainment given to the poor children of that part of the city. During the week Bishop Conaty and Santa Claus have visited the Brownson house settlement, St. Elizabeth's day nursery and El Hogar Feliz. The celebration yesterday was the largest, and it was also the last of the series.

Five hundred anxious and expectant children, the major portion of them being Spanish and Mexican, had gathered in the famous parlo of the old mission church to greet the bishop. With the children and remembering countless other celebrations of the old days, Bishop Conaty, who was in 1820, was present in full regalia. In honor of the arrival of the bishop Santa Claus made his appearance on the roof of the parochial building and descended to the patio by a long ladder amid the shouts and cheers of the excited children. A short program was rendered, including the singing of the "Adeste Fideles" by the choir and selections by Lizzie Olivas, Grace Larioux and Miss M. Rodriguez.

Santa Claus then paid his respects to the bishop and began the distribution of gifts, each child receiving a present. Clothing, toys, dolls, candies and fruits, as well as rosaries were bestowed. Bishop Conaty took an active interest in the events of the afternoon, remaining until all had received their gifts and the tree was denuded of its many packages.

Father Eugene Sarganes, C. M. F., acting pastor of the church, was in charge. Mrs. Rosana Lecocour, superintendent of the Sunday school, was assisted by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Hollywood, Mrs. Y. R. Del Valle, Miss M. McCarthy, Mrs. J. P. Forester, Miss Marie McNamara, Mrs. Ida Sanchez, Miss G. Rodriguez, Mrs. Lina Larioux, John Whalen, Thomas Keogh, the part of Santa Claus.

CHINESE GAMBLERS FINED
Wong Ning and Quong Lee, Chinese arrested Thursday evening, with seven white men in a gambling house raid in Chinatown, were sentenced to pay \$25 each when arraigned yesterday morning. The seven whites got off with \$10 each.

DYING MAN SAYS REAL FRED SHOT

Samuel Wiser Blames C. H. Dick for Wound Inflicted During a Business Quarrel

Samuel Wiser, a tailor who lived at 825 South Grand avenue, died in the Crocker street hospital at 8 o'clock last night from the effects of three bullet wounds inflicted early yesterday morning, according to a statement he made before his death. By C. H. Dick, also a tailor, Dick is still at large. His home is at 821 South Grand avenue.

Wiser was taken to the receiving hospital after the shooting. His wounds were dressed there and he was removed to the Crocker street institution. While in the hospital he said that he had been in business at the Grand avenue location about a year. Dick located in the adjoining house a few months ago. He did not prosper, Wiser said, and was envious of the latter's prosperity.

"At 7:30 this morning I was walking along in front of my shop when Dick, who was across the street, waved for me to come over," said Wiser in the hospital yesterday. "I could not imagine what he wanted but, having no hard feelings toward him, I went. He let me come within a few feet when he drew a revolver from his pocket and fired four shots at me. I believe his action was prompted by jealousy over my success in business while he was doing nothing."

The first shot missed Wiser's right thigh, lodging in his body; the second entered the left leg below the thigh, while the third entered his left knee.

LOCAL AMATEURS APPEAR IN FORCE

Los Angeles Inventors Test Aeroplanes. One to Imminent Peril of Crowd

Amateur aviators, emboldened by the success of their brothers in the professional ranks, are coming out in greater array as the aviation meet nears the close. Two aeroplanes of home manufacture were successfully launched last evening. One owned by Glen Martin of Santa Ana, which was crashed Thursday, making a complete circle of the course, winning the first prize of \$100 offered for the daily contest. A queer looking machine, the other was No. 4, belonging to Cannon, a Los Angeles inventor. The machine sailed for several hundred yards down the course, but the aviator refrained from attempting any turns.

One of the sensations of the day came just as night was coming on and most of the spectators had started for home. A queer looking craft was wheeled onto the course and finally brought to the starting line. It was a monoplane, driven by the owner, Edgar Smith, of Los Angeles. The aviator took his seat underneath the wings of the machine, with the engine spluttering blue smoke and fire above him. With a loud buzzing sound the machine whirled around the course, directly for the judges' stand, where most of the crowd which had waited for the amateur performances was gathered.

QUICK TURN AVERYS DISASTER

When disaster was imminent, with scarcely a foot to spare, Smith managed to turn his craft, which, buzzing still more noisily, bumped over the uneven earth to the opposite side of the line. Again it was guided back into the course and started in a circle like a gigantic pinwheel, to the amusement of the spectators, but to the evident disgust of Smith, who finally stopped the engine and alighted from the machine, none the worse for the experience.

The machine was trundled back to the starting line and another trial was made. This time the aviator seemed to be a little better, and with a steady whirl the odd looking craft sped over the ground, twisting and turning like an overgrown "finger" chased by the wind. The machine was not far from the starting line when it was struck by a gust of wind, which was on the course during the late afternoon, although no flight was attempted.

SEVERAL STILL UNTRIED

Several of the amateur machines in the hangars have already flown in the practice or test home fields but have not been "tuned up" for flight here. This is the case with the biplane owned and built by E. W. Pigan and A. L. Shepard of Hollywood. The machine is most compact and "liable" than the majority.

J. J. Slavin, a Los Angeles inventor, has a machine on the ground which he expects to be able to put into the air. Everything in the machine except the magnet was made in Los Angeles and it is therefore a real Angeleno machine.

Frank Skjold and John Stikes, brothers, have a machine which has flown. At the time of flying, however, it was equipped with a 60-horse power engine, while at present a 3-cylinder Eldridge is being tried on the craft.

The "Birmie I" built and owned by Bernard Bernie of Los Angeles, is now without the necessary power to equip it with a Mortimer two-cycle, 3-cylinder revolving engine before long and raise himself and the craft into the upper air.

Detectives Capture Three Bandits (Ages 13) in Arroyo

Reports from residents of Arroyo Seco during the last three days of burglars who broke into houses and carried away valuables from under the very noses of the property owners culminated shortly after 7 o'clock last night in the arrest of three boys, none over 15 years of age, in a "bandit camp" in a deep gully two miles east of Avenue Sixty.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Anna Sivert, 257 South Grand avenue, who has a summer home in Arroyo Seco, reported to the detectives that the latter place had been entered the night before, \$300 worth of silverware, several silk bed covers, two crazy quilts and some valuable linen being carried away. Detectives McAuliffe and Sweeney were given charge of the case and at once started out in search of the robbers.

Shortly after 5 o'clock they deserted an improvised tent in a gully several hundred yards away from the hill on which they were taking observations with a pair of field glasses. From that distance they saw what appeared to be a canvas spread over the boughs of a tree and a camp fire, around which were sitting three persons.

Cautiously the detectives crept down the hillside and approached the tent. As they drew near they heard laughter and at a distance of fifty yards they realized that their quarry was not a gang of men, but three small boys, innocent enough looking, but armed with guns and knives. As the detectives were sitting three persons, they saw their weapons playfully at one another. The officers approached within a few feet of the camp without attracting attention. Then with a rush they bore down upon the boys and captured them before they had time to realize what had happened.

While Sweeney held the three boys McAuliffe made a hurried search of the camp. He found the tent consisted of one of the stolen crazy quilts flung across a bough of a tree, and inside the tent he found the stolen linen and several silver spoons. The boys admitted the thefts and were taken to the Detention home and charged with burglary.

The boys gave their names as Frank Graham, 12 years old, living at 147 East Twenty-third street; Clyde B. Mason, 12 years old, 1214 East Twenty-fifth street, and Edward H. Barton, 15 years old, 1265 East Twenty-fifth street. When the youths saw they had been trapped each called to the other to fight as they had read their yellow backed novel heroes were in the habit of doing.

"Ah," said the detectives, "you have the penny novel in your pockets unless we're badly mistaken." Forthwith they searched the boys' pockets and produced no less than ten yellow backed novels. In addition they found several newspaper clippings telling of escapades of bandits.

"The boys said they had been in their 'camp' for three days and nights and intended to do some 'real robbing' within a few days. 'Don't you call the theft of this silverware and linen real robbing?' the detectives asked the boys. 'Nix on the comedy, kid,' replied Mason. 'We had it all fixed to do some mighty big jobs, but I guess it's all off now.'"

JEFFERSON STREET MEN ORGANIZE BOOSTERS CLUB

Residents Will Fight for a Cross-town Car Line

The Jefferson Street Boosters' association was formed last night at a meeting held at 3228 South Main street. Its main object will be to get a cross-town car line on Jefferson street, but it will work for any project tending to the improvement of that section. The officers of the association are: A. J. Warden, president; C. H. Lewis, vice president; W. J. Strangman, secretary; A. J. Martin, treasurer. F. Meyer were appointed a committee to go before the board of public utilities and present the wishes of the association.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 7:30 p. m., at 3228 South Main street.

LUNCH WAGON SLEEPER FREED

Sleeping in an empty lunch wagon does not constitute vagrancy, according to a decision handed down by Police Judge Ross yesterday. J. H. McNulty was arrested Thursday evening, being found fast asleep in a deserted lunch wagon in South Olive street. He was arraigned and ordered discharged on the grounds that the law does not cover lunch wagons and, therefore, McNulty is not a vagrant for sleeping in one.

THIN BLOWN TUMBLERS

A big special sale of an extraordinary purchase! About 20 different shapes and sizes! Beautiful tumblers to sell for each only..... 5c & 10c

HAIRDRESSING AND MANICURING

A Specialty with us. Only expert operators here. Our parlors are light and sanitary, private, a room and instruments always sterilized. Manicuring by Experts, 25c Regular 1/2 Facial Massage with Vibrator, Rejuvenates the complexion..... 50c

SILK HAIR NETS—LARGE SIZE

in all shades but gray. Get these today at..... 6 for 25c

WAVY HAIR SWITCHES

of the first quality hair. Come in all shades and gray..... \$3.50

CLUSTER PUFFS, natural curly hair

in all shades and gray. Special..... \$3.50

50c Silk Lisle Stockings at .38c

For women. Fine quality, in heavy weight. Best wearing kind.

ACCIDENT CHECKS RUN OF FLANDERS

Car Goes Into Ditch, but Honor for Non-Stop Drive Are Won

The little Flanders "20" that has traveled over the streets of Los Angeles and roads of the county so consistently and consecutively day and night for twenty-eight days, during which time it has annexed every non-stop record in turn, finally outstripping the world's non-stop record of 19,674, and has been cheered by thousands for its wonderful performances, at last met with an accident and is out of the running. However, it has established a new world's record of 19,872 1/2 miles, which will doubtless stand for a long time to come, and may never be beaten by a car of its size.

At 5:35 p. m. Friday the Flanders "20" met with its first and only mishap. At the intersection of Grand avenue and Jefferson street, where the street car tracks are torn up and there excavations for a new roadbed on either side, the car ran into a hole. Before it could be righted the engine had been "killed," and the famous run was over. The driver, LaCass, was pulling into the curb to put on his lights when the accident happened, but it had become too dark to see the deep trench in time to avoid it.

The car was in no way injured, and last night was on display in the Lord Motor Car company's booth at the auto show, where it was examined by thousands. Every part of the car's mechanism was found intact, and none of the accessories showed the effects of the long and hard work they had just accomplished. The splintered magnesium wheels, the Morgan & Wright tires, the Stewart speedometer and the Perkins wind shield were in perfect condition, without a screw or nut loose anywhere.

The Flanders "20" will be put to actual demonstration work today. The car is running much better than when it started out on its world-breaking trip.

CUSTOMS APPRAISERS WILL MEET IN L. A. REGULARLY

An order has been received by the local customs officials from the Treasury department at Washington to the effect that the port of Los Angeles has grown to such an extent that Los Angeles hereafter will be a regular meeting place for the board of appraisers for the year of 1911.

Heretofore Los Angeles has received a visit from a member of the board only when the rush of business warranted the taking of testimony on the accumulated intake. Under the new ruling, this port will hereafter be a regular docked list, and hearings will be held in this city three times a year, the first one beginning February 10, the second June 12 and the final one October 20. Sessions will continue until all business has been transacted.

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BROADWAY, EIGHTH & HILL STREETS

Emb'd. Linen Waists
\$2.50 value! A Pre-Inventory leader! Smart, all-wool tailored waists, embroidered with fine designs. Get them today for only..... \$2.29

Women's Kid Gloves \$1.25
The Jullienettes are made under our own supervision of finest select skins; 2-clasp, over-seam sewn, Paris point back. Come in black, white and colors. The 2-clasp pique gloves come in black, brown, tan, mode and red. The best suit gloves made.

Misses' Robes, either blanket or of elegant down. Many attractive designs and colorings, all priced at 1/4 Off

\$1 Flannelette Dressing Sacques 79c
Pretty styles and colors, but slightly mussed from handling. Hence the price.

Unmatchable Values—All!

Big Economies Are Here in Every Line—Savings on Every Article or Garment Bought!

35c to \$1.00 Fancy Ribbons .25c
All the broken lines left from heavy Christmas sales must be cleared out at this Pre-Inventory price. There are florals, printed warps, broads, fancies and novelties of every description. Exquisite colorings.

7.50 to 12.00 CORSETS
In the Pre-Inventory Sale Only... \$5.39

Odd lots in our famous Royal Regent and La Vida Corsets—stylish, long models that have been selling from \$7.50 to \$12. Not every size in each kind, but your number is probably here. Come, see! You'll be amply repaid should you find it.

Expert Corsetieres Fit You

Greater Values in Boys' Fine Suits Were Never Announced

Pre-Inventory Leaders! Startling Price Cuts to Close Out Short Lines! Mothers Will Save Greatly Here!

\$3.50 to \$5 School Suits Go at \$3
Only a Few of a Kind—But All Are New Winter Styles!

The Hamburger standard of quality holds good in these suits of worsted, cheviot, tweed and cassimere. Only one or two of a kind, but they are the best ever offered for this price. Sizes 2 to 16 years, in brown, gray, etc., mixtures.

Boys' \$10 to \$12.50 Dress Suits \$7.50
Double-Breasted, Buster Browns and Blouse Suits Here!

Sizes 2 to 17 years—the nattiest suits of the season—newest colorings and patterns. Splendid suits that are hand-tailored throughout—and of most desirable fabrics, serges among them. Pre-Inventory price \$7.50.

Boys' \$2.50 and \$3 Hats \$1.50
Broken lines, but all sizes in the lot. Stitched brim faces in red, blue, gray, tan and brown; silk lined leather or cloth sweat. Also felts in tan, gray or black with silk bands. Values you cannot duplicate elsewhere.