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Leo Tolstoy and his wife Sofia. **paukrus**

107 years ago today, on Oct. 8, 1906, Leo Tolstoy, on hearing that the Academy of Sciences wanted to nominate him for the Nobel Prize for Literature, decided to do what he could to avoid winning the prestigious award. When the Nobel Prize was eventually given to an Italian writer instead, Tolstoy was happy to have been spared the burden of deciding what to do with the money that comes along with the prize.

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