

1. crop -
2. to murder -
3. hunger -
4. feed (for animals) -
5. trouble -
6. house -
7. because -
8. backpack -
9. meeting -
10. farmer -

Three weeks ago the news flashed round ___ world that six British engineers had been arrested in ___ Moscow. They were accused of willfully wrecking the Soviet electrical industry and of plotting against the Soviet Government.

When I heard of it I was seated at ___ tea with ___ group of ___ diplomats in ___ house in ___ Kharkoff, 400 miles south of Moscow. A silence fell over us when ___ servant entered with the news. 'It is incredible,' said one of those present. Another laughed cynically, 'There are so many mad rumours in Russia today that ___ people are willing to believe anything. But that the OGPU has arrested ___ six British engineers! No, this is going too far.' And we returned, relieved, to our ___ diplomatic gossip.

One of ___ group, however, was not satisfied. 'Ask ___ servant where he saw it.' ___ servant came and stated that he had seen it in that morning's copy of the 'Communist', ___ Ukrainian paper. I rushed out to ___ newspaper stand. 'All copies sold.' I went through the dirty Ukrainian streets. 'Not ___ single copy left,' was ___ answer everywhere. I returned ___ empty-handed, but feeling satisfied that it could be nothing more than ___ mere rumour. Next morning, however, I looked at the *Izvestia*, ___ official organ of the Soviet Government, and there the news stood in black and white.

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