

## ANSWER 11

Thank you, sir, thank you, for having brought up that phrase also, for it is perhaps the most important phrase of all. We needn't quarrel, said the cock in the horse's stall. No, all you want is to be left at peace, *beati possidentes*, lucky to have had first pick! It is quite natural, but not at all nice! I am ready to believe that this world is best for you; and that is why you throw us heaven as a consolation. By right, you should give us an occasional foretaste of your delectable heaven, so that we might lose our love for this best of all worlds, but, so long as you do not do that, we must believe that this world is a rather poor sort for us. Of course, we have meanwhile developed a faint hope that it may become better, for all of us, but we shall probably have to wait until you gentlemen have gone to heaven!

(*Aside*) I am surprised he has not yet said anything about envy!

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## PHRASE 550

You are merely envious, that's what's troubling you!

## ANSWER 550

Envy is one of the nasty names the upper class gives to the sense of justice.

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## PHRASE 678

Brighten the corner where you are, etc.

## ANSWER 678

If you have one to brighten, yes.

## PHRASE 1290

Phrase-maker!

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(Continuing *ad infinitum*.)

## The Truth About the Allied Intervention in Russia

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One of the most deadly weapons wielded by the ruling classes of all countries is their power to censor the press; for thereby they are able to create under the pretext of military necessity an artificial public opinion with the object of hiding their fell designs. Never was this fact more clearly demonstrated than at the present moment; never was it more obvious that the governments of the Central Powers and the Allies, in order to suppress the workers' and peasants' revolution in Russia, must hide from their own people the truth about this revolution, must represent it to the proletariat of the West as the work of a gang of robbers. Just as a criminal or weak-minded man, after having committed some offense against public law, tries to shift the blame on to any person he finds handy, so the ruling classes of Europe, after butchering their people in a cruel four-years' war, now in terror before the judgment of humanity and the inner prickings of conscience, try to create for themselves pleasant illusions and find convenient scapegoats, on which to vent their wrath.

One cannot be surprised, of course, that the governments of England, France and Germany should, through their official agencies and their press censors, endeavor to blacken the work of the Russian Revolution. Living here in the besieged castle of the Russian Workers' and Peasants' Soviets, surrounded by the armed hosts of the European warlords, I am in a position to see more clearly than those outside this iron ring, the power possessed by the ruling classes, whose fell designs include the strangling of the youngest of the governments of the toiling masses. For this is what I have to face day after day. Telegrams to my newspaper are suppressed, or, if passed by the British censor, are decapitated, so that no sense is left in them, postal communication is severed, provocative rumors about what is happening here are spread in London and Paris, and my attempts to deny them are frustrated. All the technical apparatus of the capitalist states of Western Europe is set in motion against those whose duty it is to tell the truth about the Russian Revolution and to convey to the West the cry of the Russian people