

saying that they would not permit it to organize if there were not 400 members present. There was that number present, and a great popular demonstration took place in Petrograd, the people manifesting their joy over the assembling of the Constituent Assembly. The Bolsheviks were in the minority, and this notwithstanding that the Cadets had not come and that some of the social revolutionists were also absent. After the election of officers the Bolsheviks withdrew. Tchernoff was elected presiding officer, and, after several decrees had been passed, a drunken sailor walked in and said, "I am tired of this business. We want to go to bed." This was about three or four o'clock in the morning. "We will give you ten minutes more" he added. Armed Bolshevik soldiers were in the corridors and in the aisles of the convention hall. Between four and five o'clock in the morning the sitting was adjourned until 11 o'clock the next day. On that day, however, the Bolshevik government took charge of the Duma hall, not allowing any of the members to enter, and consequently the Assembly was broken up.

### NO ELECTION PERMITTED.

Since that time the Bolsheviks have never allowed a Constituent Assembly to be held, nor had it called an election for such an assembly. Mr. Francis pointed out that the Soviet is the name of a form of government while Bolshevism is the name of a party. One of the basic principles of the Soviet government is that it would not allow a man or woman, who employs another human being, to vote. Since the dictatorship of Lenine and Trotsky, no general election had been held in so far as the general government was concerned. They were there as usurpers and did not represent more than 10 per cent of the Russians. The Constituent Assembly, which had been prevented from meeting, was as truly representative as it was possible to have at that time.

### GOT MONEY FROM GERMANY.

Asked by Senator King if he believed that Germany had furnished Lenine with money to debauch his own country and to aid in betraying the Allied cause, Mr. Francis said he believed that this was so. After signing