

LENINE A GERMAN AGENT.

"I wish to say here that I think that Lenine was a German agent from the beginning. They would never have permitted him to come through Germany if they had not thought so or known that they could use him. He dispersed money very liberally. Lenine, however, was not so opposed to Germany, as he was in favour of permitting a worldwide social revolution. He would have taken British money, American money, and French money and used it to promote this objective of his. He is a sincere man with sincere convictions, I think. I do not think he is right by a good deal, because later, when his power was tottering and could not be maintained in any other way, he encouraged or permitted the reign of terror that is now prevailing in Russia."

Replying to an inquiry from Senator King as to whether Russians, under Lenine and Trotsky, had ceased to be a military force, Mr. Francis said that this was the situation exactly, and that they had betrayed the Allies. When he went to Russia there was enlisted an army of 12,000,000 men, which had been increased to 16,000,000 before the revolution, and there was a call for 3,000,000 men which had been matured when the Bolshevik revolution took place. Of these 16,000,000 men, 2,000,000 had been wounded, while another 2,000,000 had been killed and died from disease. No army approaching it in size had ever before been organized. He also thought that the demobilization of the army had been in pursuance of the plan of Lenine and Trotsky to destroy it.

BROKE UP CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Touching on the calling and breaking up of the Constituent Assembly by the Bolsheviks, Mr. Francis said that it was first fixed for the 27th of November, 1917, but was postponed to some day in December; the day before the date set for the meeting the Cadet members in Petrograd were arrested as counter-revolutionaries. Some of them, anticipating arrest, had not come. Among these were Milukoff, Radzianko, and Kerensky. The Bolshevik government announced that it would not permit the Assembly to convene then, and they postponed it until the 19th of January, 1918,