

### PEASANTS DO NOT OWN LAND.

During the discussion on this point, it was brought out that in apportioning the lands to the peasants, the Bolshevik government does not grant a title, but simply assigns the use of the lands to certain persons. Only such land is apportioned as the persons receiving it can till themselves. The title to the land remains in the state. Under the Soviet system a peasant can never become an owner of land.

### HAVE COWED EVERYBODY.

Questioned as to why, if only 10 per cent of the 180,000,000 Russians supported the Bolsheviks, the other 90 per cent of the people did not overturn the Bolshevik government, Mr. Francis said: "It is just because of this reign of terror that the Bolsheviks have instituted. They have cowed everybody that is not for them. They do not prefer any charges against those whom they arrest, except that they are counter-revolutionists. They have put to death 521 hostages in Petrograd, in revenge for the assassination of Uritzky. At one time they were transferring from Kronstadt prison, I thought it was 150 officers, but I have heard since that it was 300, and one report said 500. They were transferring these officers from Kronstadt prison, professedly to another prison. The bottom of the barge fell out, not by accident, and those officers were all drowned." Mr. Francis estimated that about 40,000,000 people were under the control of the Bolsheviks.

### PROPAGANDA IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Asked if the Lenine-Trotsky government had ever intimated to him that they wanted to enter the war in order to aid the United States and her Allies against the central powers, Mr. Francis said: No, sir, they never stated it to me. I extended every encouragement I could to them to present an organized front in order to prevent the German divisions that had been on the eastern front being sent over to the western front, and I told Robins to say to them that I would recommend a *modus vivendi* if they would organize an opposition. They put to him a number of questions which he transmitted through the war department