

against them in the primaries? Wasn't it to be expected that Pres. E. G. Cowdery of the gas company would tell the Wall Street Journal that the 'result of the primary election is favorable because of the elimination of Merriam'?

"And is it not to be expected that the Tribune should attack my patriotism and cover up the insidious, treacherous politics of the gas company and the City Hall in a game with loaded dice, by which they are stealing from the gas users of this city millions of dollars?"

"Instead of printing lies about the 27th ward alderman, why doesn't the Tribune tell its readers that the Tribune is owned and controlled by three trustees who are two women, the mothers of Berlie McCormick and Joe Patterson, and one man, William G. Beale. That Beale is the attorney for the Commonwealth Edison Co. and elevated railroads, both Insull concerns, and that Insull is chairman of directors of the People's Gas Co. might muddle the heads of some people. But to some of us it is clear as daylight why the Tribune, the gas company and the Thompson-Lundin machine are working together like three brothers who know exactly what they want. If they win Tuesday it's a safe conclusion that the \$10,000,000 fund of gas company overcharges held in escrow won't get back into the pockets of gas users for a while."

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CONGRESS BEGINS MOMENTOUS WAR SESSION — PATRIOTISM SEETHES IN CAPITAL.

Washington, April 2.—The 65th congress—a war body—meets at noon today to organize for one of most momentous sessions in American history.

Bickerings, jockeying and wrangling of past week apparently are about gone.

Democrats will elect their house organization ticket with Champ Clark as speaker unless entirely un-

expected last minute developments alter cut and dried plans.

Thereafter congress will be ready to hear from president and proceed to its solemn task of decreeing a war state against Germany and providing for strong and complete prosecution of the struggle.

Patriotism fairly seethes within congress. There will be but few who will raise their voices against war, and even these, once the war resolution is adopted, are expected to swing into line in favor of going on to the last trench.

Senate had no definite work immediately in view. It convenes at noon.

On house side, however, the program was:

Call to order by the clerk.

Election and swearing in of Speaker Clark.

Swearing in of new members, including first woman member, Miss Jeanette Rankin.

Election of minor house officers.

Selection of committee to join with senate in notifying Pres. Wilson that congress is organized and ready to hear him, adoption of house rules, selection of committees, though this may be deferred.

Senate foreign relations committee was booked for meeting this afternoon, while house committee was slated for early gathering to finish war resolution shaped along lines of Mexican war declaration.

It was solemn throng that jammed into house galleries today. Men and women who want war because they believe it is only honorable course; others who want peace at any price, mingled in crowds.

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Philadelphia. — Religious-pacifist meeting turned into riot in Forest theater when speaker said he didn't believe in America.

Sheboygan, Wis.—German-American citizens who held referendum here vote against America going to war.