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Representative Rainey's plan to place an additional tax on beer, which will be paid by the beer-drinkers of the country, is apt to foment discord.

It seems impossible to find a Republican who is not tainted in spots with one Wilson policy or another.—New York World.

"Tainted" is the correct expression, if it be true, and 'taint.

"Americans have democratized the motor car industry," exclaims the St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Not yet, brother, but when that Democratic tax is put on gasoline you may be right.

It is estimated that American consumers of sugar paid \$100,000,000 extra because of the increased price of that article during 1915. This is of interest in connection with the Democratic promise of reduced cost of living.

The Boston News Bureau says that during the week ended December 25, 1915, Detroit, Mich., exported commodities to the value of more than \$4,000,000, which exports were exceeded only by New York City. The war in Europe has made many changes in our commercial affairs. Detroit is one of the large beneficiaries.

Mr. Wilson is evidently reserving his passion for a purpose. At any rate, he is using none of it to assist the passage of his preparedness programme. When other measures in which he displayed interest have been before Congress he has lost no occasion to enforce his view upon party associates. Now he permits his plan to be called "idiotic" by one Democratic congressman, while others use milder language—but all hostile and fatal to the proposal. Does the President really mean business? Is he for preparedness or not?

The first expression of congressional opinion regarding foreign relations came rather unexpectedly in the Senate on the day after Congress re-assembled. The debate turned upon a suggestion that Americans should not travel on ships which fly a belligerent flag and the most pointed remarks were those in criticism of the administration for not issuing a warning to this effect. It was regarded as significant that, while six of the eleven senators who spoke defended the President, only two of the six were Democrats—Messrs. Robinson of Arkansas and Reed of Missouri, neither of whom has ever been classed as a real leader in the Senate or in the party. Experienced Washington commentators find conditions now to be much as they were in the last days of Cleveland's second term—the

strong men of the Democracy hostile or indifferent to the White House and none but the "cuckoos" or place-hunters doing reverence to the President.

When the Federal Reserve Board, organized by a Democratic administration on partisan lines, performed its duty of establishing reserve banks, it located banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond, ignoring the commercial claims of New Orleans and Baltimore. In an effort to rectify the error and accommodate business, a branch bank was established at New Orleans. The latest report of the board says that the branch bank has "already justified its establishment, having more than earned its operating expenses." Which is a partial acknowledgment that New Orleans should have been made a reserve bank city, rather than made the site of a branch bank.

Editorial Comment. From the Ohio Republican Editorial Association.

Does Cox desire a second re-adiation?

What does our flag mean to Woodrow Wilson?

The fact that a political corpse can speak is not new.

Cox is complaining of the cost of things he takes credit for.

Cox deplores the blunders of Willis—but is he a good judge of blunders?

The country is "standing by the President" and will support him whenever he is ready to move.

The only possible "constitutional" president of Mexico has died while a prisoner of the United States.

Under Willis no tax has been increased unless by popular vote. That is "home rule" in taxation, is it not?

James M. Cox is proving to the electorate of Ohio that its error in removing him as its manager was fatal to its happiness.

A serious omission from the presidential message was suggestion for federal legislation for regulation of woman and child labor.

An alliance of the weak with the strong, such as is proposed by the United States to the countries of South America, usually is at the expense of the strong.

The Cox pronouncement at Dayton reduced to a single sentence: "Most everything that's good in Ohio was done by James M. Cox—except, of course, things done by God, and there are doubts as to how much God really did."

A European government once complained that President Cleveland used "shirtsleeve" diplomacy. How many Democrats wish a Cleveland in the presidential chair just now?

Jimmy has been whimpering, most of the time in the dark, in Dayton, ever since the November election of 1914. The state now has a chance to see the distorted perspective of a man who believes himself to be the only great governor Ohio ever had.

Now that he has formed an

offensive and defensive alliance with the Latin Republics—that is what his proposition to the Pan-American Congress is in effect—will President Wilson venture upon an effort to protect the few Americans still alive in Mexico?

The national committee of the Progressive party having put aside the radical demands of its platform of 1912; yielded its demand for the nomination of Roosevelt and adopted a platform, every plank of which, except votes for women, have been endorsed by Republican national conventions, a perfect amalgamation of the two parties is assured.

President Wilson, forced to it by public demand, has, in a message to Congress, advocated preparedness, but in the year and a half since the world-war began he has not added to our armament a ship, a gun or a man and his party, although in control in a session of Congress which lasted a year, made no provision for securing any.

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Democracy and "The Masses."

Congressman Stephens (Dem.) of Texas must have a strange constituency if his remarks in the House of Representatives recently are a fair sample of what appeals to them. "The Republicans favor the masses; the Democrats favor the masses," he said.

Does Mr. Stephens forget that Democratic tariff legislation threw 4,000,000 of the "masses" out of employment in 1913-1914?

Does Mr. Stephens forget that it was Republican constructive legislation that restored prosperity after the Cleveland administration?

Does Mr. Stephens forget that the Republican party passed the postal savings bank bill with the opposition of the banks and with every vote against it cast by a Democrat? Will Mr. Stephens tell how he voted on that measure?

Does Mr. Stephens forget that Republicans passed the pure food bill to protect the masses, the parcel post bill for the convenience of the masses, the reclamation law for the creation of new homes for the masses?

Will Mr. Stephens advocate the repeal of these measures passed by Republican congresses?

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