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THE VOICE OF ELKINS.

The voice of Stephen B. Elkins was raised against the monopolistic control of the Senate by the justly celebrated firm of Aldrich, Hale & Lodge, and no one has yet defended that firm or refuted in any manner any of Mr. Elkins' statements. All that he said stands uncontradicted, and here is a specimen brick culled from his speech:

"I was told in a somewhat semi-confidential way that the finance committee, which is now in session in the new office building of the Senate, would have no hearings; that nobody and no interest was going to be allowed to be heard and present their case. I asked: 'Might a senator not be permitted to be heard?' I was told by the party he did not know, but I might be permitted to do so if I should just come under the yoke, be good, be obedient and serve, and promise to report every morning at a certain place to which all roads in the Senate lead, and there get instructions, I might be heard and have a chance to defend the interests of my state. I then asked if I promised all these things, in addition to being heard before the finance committee, would I have a chance, perhaps once a week, in open Senate to make a motion to adjourn. He said: 'You might get permission once a week to move to adjourn perhaps.'"

The manner in which the Payne bill is being considered is characteristic of the entire measure. It is a bill of New England, by New England, for New England, and other sections, including West Virginia, will be expected to keep hands off and to go about their business. Government by clique was never so prominent as it is today in the Senate, and the clique is the famous firm of Aldrich & Lodge, limited.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

The idle millions in New York are seeking investment in bonds and other securities, and prices are advancing in Wall street. Railway shares scored a net gain of 2 points last week and United States Steel common was advanced 5 points.

A similar movement is noted in France, Great Britain and among small investors also in this country. Idle money in their pockets is going into real estate. They are either putting up buildings or else are promoting the erection of buildings by buying mortgages or loaning money on real estate.

These investments are signs of returning confidence, and the more they are increased the quicker will the flood tide of business be felt in general trade, and a new era of prosperity in all branches of industry set in.

Let no one of our readers think that building operations are confined to this district. In all parts of the country much building is going on. This is the natural result of the turning of investments into real estate, aided by the fall in the prices of structural material. The demand for structural steel is helping the Steel Corporation to tide over a trying year.

In the stock market many influences are promoting quotations. The settlement of the Balkan disturbances has been helpful, and so have the optimistic views of James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman. The growing season is well begun and this has a tendency to push up the prices of securities.

All in all, it is safe to say that the flood tide in business has at length supplanted the ebb tide, and that the former promises to abide with us a long time.

It is a credit to the country at any rate that the London ambassadorship was offered to President Eliot, a typical American.

Mr. Rogers should watch his new railroad closely, for Harriman's health and appetite are improving daily.

The Taft milk cow is slowly but steadily drifting into politics as an administration emblem.

This country is the haven of political refugees. They are as secure here as they are in England.

Higher hosiery duties would be felt in the burlesque shows and vaudeville houses.

Castro, Serbia and even the Payne tariff will be outclassed next by the opening of the baseball season.

"BANQUO" CASTRO.

President Castro was landed, not in Venezuela, but in Martinique, an island belonging to France. This island is a considerable distance from Venezuela. Castro goes to the West Indies avowedly as a revolutionist. He proposes to upset the Gouffez government, and then trouble all along the line will begin again.

President Gomez has already settled all questions in dispute that had arisen between Venezuela and other nations. Even the trouble with Holland has been put in course of adjustment. The claims of the United States are to be adjusted and good relations between the two countries have been re-established.

Castro is resourceful and aggressive. He has many friends in Venezuela, and he may become a factor again in Venezuelan affairs. He will, however, be closely watched. How France can afford to give him an asylum in Fort de France when he is known to be plotting against the government of Venezuela, is something she alone must solve. England, France and Holland all hold colonies near Venezuela, and if all three would act together Castro could not easily secure a foothold for intrigue and plots near the Venezuelan coast. And France has decided to take steps to expel Castro from French soil, and he will have to begin an intrigue for a restoration of power in his own country, on a Danish West Indian island, or else abandon the enterprise altogether.

Lieutenant Shackleton has named a south pole mountain peak after Queen Alexandra of England. But if he expects her to traipse down there to unfurl a flag or break a bottle of champagne, he will be disappointed.

Mary Garden says no woman can be a prima donna and a wife at the same time and be successful as both. She proposes to stick to the prima donna business.

Mr. Roosevelt's reception at Naples was generous and warm, but his reception in the heart of Africa is more to the point.

Gen. Sir Moore Creagh is to be Lord Kitchener's successor as commander-in-chief in India. The latter's term will soon be ended there.

Lumber is becoming so high-priced that the man who discusses politics in the corner grocery store cannot afford to whittle while he talks.

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