

who did not understand the true inwardness of the Senator's deals, would certainly resist and successfully resist payment of the original claim. "I am afraid," announced the president to the white-faced group in his inner office, "that we cannot afford a secretary who loses five hundred thousand dollar checks."

Balcom went back to his own office and faced the situation, and strangely enough his mind went back to his early days in the peaceful Queen Anne Valley and his boyhood sweetheart whom he just rejected.

Finally he took up his pen and began a letter to her in marked contrast to the one of the preceding day. He told her of his dismal mistake about the Senator's check, and the certainty of his dismissal, and announced his intention of starting life anew if she would overlook his heartless conduct in the past.

Calling the office boy he gave him the letter to mail and returned to his desk.

"Poor little girl," he muttered, pulling out the letter file, "I suppose she has my other letter by this time. I am almost ashamed to look at the copy."

Running down the file he located the "Harmon" and "Hayden" letters and took from between them the two "Harrison" letters and with them the slip of paper he had used to mark the place when filing them there the day before.

He placed the letters on the table and glanced at the slip of paper before throwing it into the wastebasket.

It was the Bellview check.

Via Wireless over the Ranges

ON the second floor of the Alberta Hotel, Edmonton, two New Yorkers for the last few days have had a room. They have roused considerable speculation, these New Yorkers, among the guests—among some, because they can whistle the very latest airs off Broadway; but principally they have attracted attention on account of a little instrument which they keep in their room, a metal affair, which buzzes and splutters when set in operation. With this little instrument, the citizens of Uncle Sam expect to revolutionise communication on the prairies. Messrs. J. J. Horsfal and C. Marshall are representatives of the De Forrest Wireless system. Their proposition is not wireless telegraphy—something more up to date; they are elucidating the virtues of a telephone which does not cage a town up with cables; in short, the New Yorkers at the Alberta plan nothing less than a wireless telephone system for the province. They have been sight-seeing at Calgary, on the side trying to secure rights to the Hull Building, a tall structure in the little town, for the first wireless telephone station in Canada. They want an Edmonton site, too. If Calgary and Edmonton people find that they can stretch their voices over the miles which separate them, Lethbridge will go in for the long talking also. It looks as if these three towns, before the snow begins to flit, may yet class themselves with New York and Chicago, which call central according to the direction of the American Wireless Corporation. Even up in remote Peace River District, the wireless telephone "down Edmonton way" is raising the expectations of some; one wealthy farmer is said to have offered three thousand dollars for wireless connection with Edmonton. But perhaps he has political aspirations.

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