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.....He has been a disturbing element here since his return from confinement as a military prisoner in the spring of 1883; but he has been growing gradually worse the past year, which is partly to be accounted for by the presence of a lady from Brooklyn, N. Y., named Mrs. C. Weldon, who came here in June, 1889, announcing herself as a member of Dr. Bland's society, the Indian Defense Association, and opposed to the Indians ratifying the act of March 2, 1889. While here she bestowed numerous presents upon Sitting Bull considerable being money, which had a demoralizing effect upon him, inflating him with his importance.

"After her departure she kept up a correspondence with Sitting Bull until early last spring, when she again returned and located on the north bank of Cannon Ball River just outside of this reservation, and about twenty-five miles north of the agency. Sitting Bull has been a frequent visitor to her house, and he has grown more insolent and worthless with every visit he has made there, her lavish expenditure of money and other gifts upon him, enabling him to give frequent feasts and hold councils, thus perpetuating the old-time customs among the Indians and engrafting with their superstitious nature this additional absurdity of the 'new Messiah' and 'return of the ghosts,' and in this coming Sitting Bull, whose former influence being so undermined and tenure so uncertain, asserts himself as 'high priest.'"

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