

those who are most familiar with Spiritualism state that there is no doubt but that Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are really excellent mediums, who have been led by cupidity to mix a great deal of trickery with their natural powers. There was published in the London *Spiritualist* of February 1, 1873, a record of a sitting held with the Holmeses in London, at which Mr. Luxmore, who reports the seance, declares that the same "Katie King," who materialized through Florence Cook, appeared through Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. Mr. Luxmore is a wealthy gentleman, living in one of the fashionable squares of London, and it was at his residence that many of the Florence Cook seances were given. Some of the best known Spiritualists seem to believe from this that Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have at some time presented the veritable "Katie King," and failing to produce the manifestations, were led to employ a confederate. How long the humbug would have prospered if the Holmeses and their misguided assistant had not disagreed, it is impossible to say. "Katie's" conscience, however, began to trouble her greatly when she learned what an effect her performances had created, and at last, feeling that she could no longer practise the deception, she left Mrs. Holmes to her own devices. For several weeks no Katie appeared, as the "medium" found it a difficult task to secure a young woman similar in features and form to the first confederate. One young lady whose appearance pleased her, was asked to play the part of Katie King, but refused with horror. She afterwards related the circumstance to a prominent Spiritualist, and the consequence has been a complete exposure of the whole fraud.

Both Robert Dale Owen and Dr. Child feel deeply humiliated at having been so deceived, and, more than that, lending their influence to the support of what is now proved to be a trick, and are doing all in their power to undo at least a part of the harm. The Doctor has bought from the publishers of his book on "John and Katie King" every volume on hand, some two hundred dollars' worth, and has ordered its publication to be discontinued. Mr. Holmes, who has been one of the chief actors in the cabinet seances, was at one time the editor of a Baptist religious journal in Georgia. From his doings here and information which has recently been received concerning irregularities in London, it is very evident that he has fallen from grace. "Katie King," who was forced into this business by poverty, is much to be pitied, for she long felt the wickedness of deception on such a subject, and is now suffering all the pangs of remorse. Even those whom by her course she has most deceived feel that the young woman is deserving of sympathy instead of condemnation, and all steadfastly refuse to divulge her name, giving as a reason that the poor woman has already suffered enough. The Holmes seances have not yet closed, and the mediums still persist in their assertion that they will yet show "Katie King" under the most strict test conditions. If the spirit of the original "Katie King" was really materialized through Florence Cook, in London, as Prof. Wallace and Dr. Crooks both testify, there is no reason why she cannot appear again; but even if the Holmeses should in time exhibit a materialized spirit, it would not prove that the "Katie King" of last summer or this fall was anything but flesh and blood. The evidence against them is so convicting that it cannot be disproved by future testimony, which can only relate to the past by analogy.—*Philadelphia Press*, Dec. 19.

## BY TELEGRAPH. AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 28.—This afternoon King Kalakaua and suite visited the city hall. Mayor Vance was in the Governor's room awaiting them. The reception was wholly informal, and after a brief visit the royal party entered their carriages and were driven away.

During a heavy fog this afternoon, as the Williamsburg ferry boat *Alaska* was leaving the slip, on this side of the river, she collided with the ferry boat *Calden*, killing one man and fatally injuring three others; the boats were badly damaged.

Two families, whose names and addresses the police authorities decline to disclose, made affidavits to day, implicating a prominent physician in this city in the murder of his illegitimate child; the doctor is now confined at the police quarters, but the detectives decline, as they say under instructions, to give his name. One of the women is supposed to be the mother of the murdered child.

NEW ORLEANS, 28.—The inquest on Byerly, killed by ex-governor Warmoth, will be held to-morrow. At the post mortem to-day, six wounds were found, one only being superficial, two of the remaining five wounds would have caused speedy death, and three would have caused death in two or three weeks.

WASHINGTON, 28.—The commissioner of Indian affairs, to-day, received an urgent request from Red Cloud, for permission to come on here with a delegation of 40 Sioux chiefs, and settle all the troubles about the Black Hills reservation, hunting on the Platte river, etc., but the commissioner declined to grant the petition on the ground, that he had no funds to pay the chiefs' expenses.

ITHACA, N. Y., 28.—Early this morning an incendiary fire destroyed the barns of H. A. Ensign, a dairyman, living one mile south of this city, with twenty cows; yesterday an unoccupied house in Wheeler street was fired, and last night four attempts were made to burn the round house of the Geneva, Ithaca and Athens railway.

CHICAGO, 29.—Lt. Gen. Sheridan, with Gen. Rucker, Col. M. Sheridan and Maj. Geo. A. Forsythe of his staff, left here last night for New Orleans. A Washington special says the instructions of Gen. Sheridan, it is understood, direct him to acquaint himself with the actual condition of affairs in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas, but to make Louisiana his present objective point. On arriving at New Orleans he is to confer with Major Merrill upon the actual condition of affairs in Louisiana outside of the city of New Orleans. Major Merrill is the officer who arrested the perpetrators of the Coushatta massacre, and has a high reputation for energy, courage and fidelity among military men here. An officer of the government, a military man of high standing, says that Merrill, thus far, has been the only military man in the South who has been able to appreciate the situation. The nature of Gen. Sheridan's mission is similar to that of Gen. Grant in 1866, with the exception that Grant was designated to discover why there was not prosperity in the South, while Sheridan is to learn why there is not peace.

CINCINNATI, O., 29.—Mary Lee (colored), aged 18, was mysteriously murdered last night, in a gamble alley, about ten o'clock. She had started from home about 9.30, saying that she was going to a drug store, and the first known of the tragedy was, she came to the door of her home with her throat cut from ear to ear, and died in a few minutes.

WASHINGTON, 29.—It appears from official documents that on the 21st of November the President authorized the distribution of clothing and other supplies to those rendered destitute by the grasshopper devastations in Kansas and Nebraska, trusting to congress for future approval.

NEW YORK, 29.—Kalakaua and suite breakfasted with Clarence King, the geologist.

Yesterday's contest between the opposing counsel in the Tilton-Beecher case, clearly indicates that Tilton relies almost exclusively on proving a general condemnation by Beecher. If Judge McCue's order for a bill of particulars should stand, it is believed that the plaintiff will abandon his case, foreseeing that he must fail to prove a confession by Beecher of criminal acts on any specific dates; the plaintiff's weakness becomes daily more apparent.

The wife of the Rev. Horatio Potter, Bishop of New York, died at the residence of her brother, at Falmouth, Va., on Christmas night, in her 65th year.

Patrick Wallace, living in Williamsburg, murdered his wife, Margaret, last night, by beating out her brains with a club.

Dr. Chas. De Moon and brother have been arrested charged with killing the illegitimate child of the former; the mother of the child, who caused the arrests, is also in custody.

The general term of the city court, Brooklyn, Judges Neilson and Reynolds on the bench, gave a decision this morning, reversing the order of Judge McCue, which required Tilton to furnish Beecher a bill of particulars in the suit of the former against the latter.

ST. LOUIS, 29.—At Lamar, Barton Co., in this State, night before last, an unknown man rode up to the county jail and, through one of its windows, shot and killed Hyronimus, the murderer of Col. Norris, and fatally wounded his accomplice, Dixon, and then escaped.

BOSTON, 29.—Thirty inspectors, weighers, gaugers, etc., in the custom house have been removed and the offices abolished, the office of one deputy collector is also discontinued. A reduction in the clerical force will take place in the Spring.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 29.5 a.m.—A telegram received by the vessel's owner confirms the reported burning of the emigrant ship *Cospatrick*. The superintendent of the Brazilian telegraph cable at Madeira also telegraphs that only three persons are at present known to survive, namely the second mate and two seamen, and these were picked up by the British ship *Sceptre* after having been ten days in an open boat, subsisting part of the time upon the flesh and blood of others who died whilst upon the boats.

HAVANA, 28.—The Captain General has issued orders to the commanders of Spanish troops to treat captured or surrendered insurgents leniently, but to execute all incendiaries and filibusters captured.

At Provo City, Dec. 21, the lamented wife of Elder S. S. Jones, LYDIA ELIZABETH HOOKER.

Deceased was born August 18th, 1837, at Ramsgate, Kent, England; was the first of a large family to embrace the Gospel, at the age of sixteen, in London, England, at which time she became acquainted with Elder S. S. Jones, and emigrated with him to Utah in 1856, enduring the severities of the plains during the unfortunate sufferings of that emigration season from September 4th to November 30th in that year; was married to Bro. Jones in Provo City, February 9th, 1857; was the mother of nine children, six of whom have passed before her, the youngest of the three remaining is three months old. The family have the sympathies of a large circle of friends in this hour of their trial.—COM.

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