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frequently in the past given its services gratuitously in aid of any charitable underaking, and it must not be forgotten that the cuizens are indebtto. Jand for many delightful free concerts at Beacon Hill park. In view of this and the worthy cause for which the band is now performing, it would be well for the public to show its appreciation of the band's efforts in the strongest possible mannerby crowding the drill hall to the limit of its capacity. It is to be hoped that the attendance this evening will be a record breaker, in order that the sum realized may be of a substantial nature. The price of admission is a mere trifle, and no one should have an excuse for staying away. The selections, both instrumental and vocal, are sacred, and a glance at the numbers on the programme will reveal what a treat is in store for those who attend. The presence of such singers as Messrs. Brown, Kent and Goward, Mrs. Helmcken and the Misses Loewen and Lombard leaves little to be desired in the vocal line.

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Subscription lists for the Ottawa and Hull sufferers have been opened at the Colonist and Times offices. At the Colonist office Rev. Canon Paddon has contributed \$5, and "A. D." \$1. Dr.

T. J. Jones and Neil McArthur have forwarded \$5 and \$2.50 respectively, to the Times ter the meeting the directors would not say officially that the proposition was accepted to forward contributions. He has already received \$50 from David Spencer of the Arcade. Yesterday Mayor Hayward received the following despetch:

AN EMBASSY SECRETARY. Roberts Keeps ondon Official Denies That His Visit Washington Has Political

New York, April 28.—Mr. Henry White, first secretary of the American embassy, London, arrived this afternoon on the American liner St. Louis. He denied the report that he had been called to this country by the President to consult on matters regarding the embassy. At the time of his departure from the other side it was rumored that he had been called to Washington to inform the President of the sentiment prevailing in England regarding any proposed mediation in South Africa. Another report was that he was coming to urge his own appointment to the post of ambassador. Mr. Choate, according to the rumor, was to succeed Secretary

All Officers

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General Advance Probably the Secret Which Censor So Jealously Guards.

Boers From Free State Seemingly Too Far Ahead for Capture.

South Africa during the last 24 hours, which it is deemed prudent to keep secret. So far as the situation in the southeast-ern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest despatches, the main state. To Resign body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently holding Thaba N'chu, Leeuw kop and Dewetsdorp, is retiring probably with a view to joining in the neighbor-

JOHANNESBURG EXPLOSION. Trains to Delagoa Bay Searched for Belligerents.

Pretoria, Friday, April 27.-The repreentative of Reuters' Telegram Company with the federals at Brandfort is nformed that the British at Jammers-Drift tried to get ammunition through Basutoland, but that the Basutos stop ped the wagons and informed Gen. Dewet. A strong contingent of Basutos is now guarding the line to prevent en-trance or exit from Basutoland. Native reports from Johannesburg say the government inspectors there are con-vinced that dynamite was the cause of the recent evaluation and that the dyna-

London, April 29.—3.30 a.m.—The total basence of news from the seat of war in basence of news from the seat of war in the vicinity of the first explosion. They therefore stopped all trains through Delagoa Bay in order to company, in whose case bail has been re-fused. The affair may affect the ques-tion of the British remaining in the

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**Would Government Hasten Peace** by a Frank Declaration of African Policy?

Liberal Divisions Smoothing the Conservatives' Path for General Elections.

Americans' Firm Demand Upon **Turkey Received With** Satisfaction.

London, April 28.-Though the event of the week in England has been the re-