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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR CLOUDS.

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SERVING AFTER PEACE.

ST PETERSBURG HOPEFUL.

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News at a Glance.

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Diplomatic relations between Austria and Servia are completely broken off, but as yet has not been declared. Mobilisation of the Austro-Hungarian Army, and also of the Servian Army, is in progress. In certain quarters the feeling is hopeful that peace efforts will yet prevail.

The Dublin Lord Mayor has published a letter, in which he says there must be no longer delay for a section of the people of Ulster and another for the rest of the Irish people.

Major Rankine Leslie died at Rosehill House, The Curragh this morning. Deceased was a well-known racehorse owner, and won many classic races. He was the Derby with Spearmint in 1906, and carried of the Oaks and St Leger with Pretty Polly.

The full sanging strength of the 4th and 5th Royal Scots marched from Slateford to Redford barracks to welcome Sergt. Dewar, the winner of the King's Prize.

A New York telegram says the news of the Dublin bloodshed has caused an immense shock in Irish-American circles, and a meeting will be organised to protest against the action of the Government troops.

The First Fleet left Portland early this morning for learn, before the Admiralty orders are to dispense had reached it. It was recalled by wireless, and the squadron is now engaged in cruising. It is understood that the fleet will have later for the North Sea.

At Baler to-day it was announced that the Servian Rifle Championship and the Grand Aggregate had been won by Dr F. R. Kelly, of the North London Rifle Club.

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Professor Andrew Gray, Glasgow, moved the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the Congress, having met in Edinburgh, the birthplace of John Napier, the inventor of logarithms, and the home of the first Napier of Merchiston, Professor College, Cambridge, and Professor Macnie, Edinburgh, and Professor Macnie, Edinburgh, and Professor Macnie, Edinburgh