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## WAR NEWS

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RUSSIA IS AGTUALLY AFRADD OF THE RESULT OF A WAR WITH JAPAN AND HER ALLIES．
from S．Peter show the Fore dorfi，before giving Russia＇s answer，has called in the Japanese Minister，M．Kurino．The two Ministers are now conferring with the view of so shaping the re－ an explanation of the dispatch from Tokio saying Japan has requested Russia to basten her reply．As
Count Lamsdorff and M．Kurino are having confer－ ences prior to the submission of the gardod as evidence of Japan＇s insistence on an early which might precipitate hostilities．

Count Lamsdorff＇s course in conferring with M， Kurino before answering is cited as showing Russia＇ war．But，it is added，if the efforts of Russia fail she wiil be prepared to strike very hard blows from the

All information reaching the highest quarters here pears to be accepted conviction in goverument circles that the final determination between peace and war cannot long be deferred．A categorical denial is given so far as France is concerned，to the Pekin report that
the French Minister is taking with the view of mediation of France，Great Britain and th
IORE UNITED STATES SHIPS FOR THE ORIEN
Gibralter，Jan． 27. －The United States torpedo
boat destroyer flotilla，consisting of the Decatur，Bain－ bridge，Barry，Chauncey and Dale，escorted by the cruiser Buffalo，arrived here today on its way to the Philippines．

## Onscience struck．

Albany，Or，Jan，27．A moral wave struck the bany will hereafter be a closed town．A resolution was passed which is designed to suppress all gamb ling，secure rigid enforcement of the law authorizing Sunday closing of saloons，banish the slot machines from the city and effect other reforms．

Rumors had been afloat all day yesterday tha there would be＂something doing＂of a reform nature at the City Council last evening，so the result of the exciting session was not altogether unexpected．The frrst intimation that a moral wave was coming was in the closing paragraphs of Mayor W．H．Davis＇annual Councilmen to＂set out by definite declaration their policy regarding Sunday and midnight closing of sa loons，gambling annexes to saloon，sslot machines，eto． As soon as the Mayor finished reading the＂mes sage，Councilman J．M．Ralston，of the Second Ward， moved the adoption of a resolution which he had pre pared and which embodied the following provisions：
＂First－That the Marshal and policemen be in structed to notify the saloons to close all gambling games at once and keep them closed under penalty of having their licenses revoked．
＂Second－That the ordinance closing saloonsSur－ be strictly enforeed．
Third－That the ordinance committee be in structed to prepare an ordinance regulating slot ma chines in accoordance with the state law

Fourth－That the ordinance committee be in structed to prepare an ordinance closing all saloons a uFifth－That Colt
Fifth－That Collins \＆McAlpin be instructed ways or means of direct communication with the stai ways or means of direct communication with the upper The discussion on the resolut
The disan Councilmen asked for was very brief Some of the Councillmen asked for more time to consid
sider the matter，but Ralston urged immediate action， Marshall of the Third Ward，called for＂the question＂ and the resolution without a rush without a dissenting vote．
The action of the City Council has aroused great excitement among all classes of people
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