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WASHINGTON LEITER. From Our Regnlar Coriespandent. The last week has not bean one unmixed satisfaction to gtocratic many of iticians in Wash ington, many of whom are seri-
ously disturbed over the action of the New York Democratic convention which seems not only to
have refused to endorse Mr. Bryan and thus to have alienated many staunch Democrats in the
Empire State but, by its treat Empire State but, by its treat
ment of State Senator McCarren to have done much to alienate
Democratic support in K in Democratic support in King
county, which is practically the city of Brooklyn. Among th York, the work of Chairman Mur phy of Tammany Hall and of The DemocraticStateCommittee in forcibly ejecting Mr. McCarren
from the convention is heartily from the convention is heartily approved, but to the Democrats
in Congress tron other parts the country, this aetion is seri-
ously condemned as unnecessary ously condemned as unnecessary
and is likely to menace seriously and is likely to menace seriously
what seemed an excellent proswhat seemed an excellent pros
peet for victory in the Empire state.
The reports from Michigan, where the State committee relus.
ed to endorse Mr. Bryan and ed to endorse Mr. Bryan and
where Mr. Bryan indulged in rath er severe criticism of the memlation of endorsement, saying money was being used against him, is also deplored. How grea
was the provocation that 1 e Mr. Bryan to make this state
ment is not known in Washing ment is not known in hashing
ton, but that it may have a se rious effect on his chances of se-
curing the solid delegation from Michigan is seriously feared and it is regarded in some quarter as making for the success of Gov
ernor Johnsoa, who has received ernor Johnsoa, who has received
the hearty endorsement of his own state The Demoerats generally are
greatly encouraged by the course
of the Honse in turning down of the Honse in turniag down
the President's recommendation for four battleships, e hnd seat in a special wessage ur
ging this programme on the men ging this programme on the men
bers. Of course the Democrat voted almost solidly against
White House programme. they were assisted by a la number of Republican votes a
well. One prominent Democra who followed Representative Hob
son's lead in his fight for the largest naval programme was Repreventati"e Bourke Cochran, but
when a speech made by Mr. Coch ran three years ago, in which be seriousiy condemned the elabor-
ate naval poliey of the adminis tration was read, the distinguish
ed New York orator sat down much coafused.
A long step in the direction of taken by the Senate which has passed the bill introduced by Sen
ator Overman providing that injunctions suspending state lar shall be issued only by a majority of three federal judges instead
of oue as has hitherto been the of oue, as has hitherto been the
case, and requiring that wherever possible five days notice of a hearing on an appication fo the governor and the attorney goped that the Speatar can bat prevailed upon to pass this bill which was urged by the Demo-
crats in terms so foreeful that the Republicans heeded and declined to oppose the measure.
There is little doubt that the bill There is little doubt that the bill
will pass the House if Mr. Canwill pass the House if Mr. Can-
non will permit it to come to a vote. While only two battleships vent a girl in a dry town from authorized in the naval bill, the even though he may be person total amount called for by the ally dry.
bill is approximately $\$ 100,000$,-
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000. The army bill carries, as it passed the Senate, about \$98,000,0000 , and the Fortifications
bill about $\$ 15,000,000$. Thes added together will bring $t \mathrm{~h}$ cost of the military establish-
ment up to about $\$ 213,000000$ or this year, and if to this be added the total cost of pensions, the aggregate will call for more than $\$ 363,000,000$. In view of
Representative Tawney's prediction that there will be $\$ 150,000$ 000 deficit next year, and of the urther fact that it is proposed op put through a $\$ 20,000,000$
public building bill, popularly known as the "pork bill," the Republican brethren will have plenty to answer for at the polls in November.
The bottom has about fallen out of the opposition to Talt during the past week. Hardly a day passes without news that sever
al districts have instructed their delegates to vote for him, and the men in Congress who have fought to prevent the nominapractically discouraged. Senator Foraker is still fighting dasperately but his animus is so well
understood by this time that he is probably dong the Secretary opposition.
Speaking of Mr. Foraker
calls one of the most remarkal
scenes over witnessed in the S
scenes over witnessed in the sen-
ate. When Mi. Foraker spokn
support of the negrops who "shot
up" the town of Brownsville, the galleries were packed with n
groes. They sat next to a n
climbed back and forth climbed back and forth orv
white people. They munched hu white people. They munched huge
sausages and sandwiches a nd sausages and sandwiches and
generally enjoyed themselves. When the Senator from Ohio con cluded his remarks with an ex travagant eulogies on the dark
ies, they showed the whites of
their eyes appreciatively and applauded him vigoronsly. For
once the the neggro owned the once the the neggro owned the
capitol and, as a southern Senator remarked, theSenate cham-
ber was redolent of " 1 odeur d" Alrique"



