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The Free Delivery office and its superintendent, A. W. Machen, are still the center of fire. The trouble with Machen has been, ever since he was in the office, that he insisted upon making the free delivery system a political machine. He has brought good business ability to bear and his administration has been for the benefit of the service, but he was always ready to make sacrifices to politicians and placehunters to arrange matters so that he would always have strong friends at court. He came into the office as a Democrat under the Cleveland administration. Later, when he could not stand for Bryanism, he became a Republican supporter. From that time he became industrious in a political way and employs under him became efficient political reformers and, as he had been previously building up a Democratic machine, his information became useful to the Republicans when he decided to join with them. From that time on his strongest friends and supporters have been Republican leaders.

Probably the worst feature of his office is his desire to accommodate friends, to accommodate prominent politicians of both parties; in other words, to make himself solid; and he has maintained during the investigation that he will come out all right, although the many complaints that have been made indicate that better methods are needed in his office.

INSPECTORS OF CANCELLING

Recalled from Duty Pending Postal Investigation. WASHINGTON, April 20.—Postmaster General Payne has ordered the discontinuance of the services of the inspectors of cancelling machines and has directed them to return to the postoffices to which they are accredited.

These inspectors are borne on the clerical rolls of certain postoffices and are assigned to traveling duties throughout the country, installing, inspecting and reporting on the condition of the machines in various offices. There are several inspectors, one of whom is now engaged in confidential work in connection with the pending investigation of the department's affairs. The others and the offices to which they are directed to return immediately are: George Barnard, Boston; R. H. Bunn, Cleveland; Irwin H. Elliott, Syracuse; N. Y.; William E. Gates, San Francisco; E. H. Merritt, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The question of the legality of such assignments of employees, paid out of appropriations for other purposes, is pending before the Controller of the Treasury.

NO HITCH IN CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Difficulties as to Details, Which Require Three Treaties.

HAVANA, April 20.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is told that there is no hitch in the negotiation of the ratification of the treaties between the United States and Cuba, the only difficulties thus far being on the subject of details covering the acquisition of private property and the details of the Cuban government prefers to purchase these lands and lease the whole, together with the government lands required, to the United States for a nominal consideration. There appears to be some natural question about the extent to which the United States will compensate Cuba for the purchases and leases, but no serious questions have arisen on this subject. The final negotiations are now embodied in three treaties—one carrying out the details of the arrangements for the occupation of the naval stations in accordance with the Roosevelt-Palmes agreement, another covering the sovereignty over the late of Pines, and the third incorporating the Platt amendment provisions into a perpetual treaty.

GLAD TARS WILL FRATERNIZE.

President Will See Navy to Win Friendship of Germany.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The news that the American ambassador in Berlin, during his visit to Kiel will be invited to participate in the boat races was received with satisfaction in official circles here tonight. It was stated today on authority that it is the wish of the President, by an effort of the President and every member of his cabinet to promote the best of relations between the United States and Germany, and that the President, before leaving Washington on his Western trip, assured Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German Minister, of this fact. It is realized that the Navy is a potent factor in forming and maintaining international friendships, and Secretary Moody shares the President's wishes to cement our good relations with Germany.

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Salvador Will "Burl a Little Gold" at United States.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—According to advices received by the State Department the Salvadoran government will pay the judgment rendered by the arbitrator in the case of El Triunfo, although it will do so with ill grace, according to reports received here. The government came to this conclusion, a professional opinion was called for from General Regalado, the former President. This opinion stated that there was nothing more unjust, nothing more vulgar than the arbitrator's disregard for the opinion of the Salvadoran arbitrator, Dr. Faes, whose powers were brutally ignored by Mexico, Dickinson and Strong. The opinion further declared that the arbitrator's decision was iniquitous, rude and immoral in every respect.

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Indian Citizenship Case Delayed.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The United States Supreme Court today denied the petition of the Solicitor-General to change the date of assignment for the hearing of the case of U. S. Jones, involving the right of citizenship in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian tribes. This decision involves the postponement of the case until the term of court beginning next October.

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