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Oscar thompson Filho, New Minister Agriculture, is 54 years old, born and educated in Sao Paulo. He is non-political but in cabinet position is expected represent landowning farmers, Governor Adhemar, and Sao Paulo, in that order. He is honest, well-liked by farmers, and capable farmer himself, but as State Secretary of Agriculture during past year he proved to be only average administrator. Adhemar was intending to drop Thompson during impending Sao Paulo cabinet shuffle, replacing with Secretary less honest and more political, but farmers protested Governor's intention. Promotion will solve Adhemar's problem neatly. As minister, Thompson not expected do anything remarkable.

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