

FRANCISCO VILLA IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

Notwithstanding his assurance that he is no longer a bandit, Francisco Villa is being closely watched in official circles here. To some observers it is difficult to believe that this former guerilla has accustomed himself to the routine of ranch life and is now finding in his growing crops and loving herds the contentment that a man of his tremendous nervous energy derived in the past from daring deeds of warfare.

Is Villa the staunch friend of the Oregon administration that his friends claim for him? Will Villa stay out of politics and play no part in the forthcoming congressional elections? In the event of a serious threat to Oregon's power would Villa rally his 4,000 ranchers in behalf of the president or would he lead his men in a new revolution? These are the frequent questions of the street here and the answers are as varied as those who make reply.

The pacification of Villa is proclaimed by the friends of Provisional President de la Huerta as the one big achievement of his short administration in 1920. To secure the peace pact with the famous bandit was a serious matter for the Mexican government to grant him an extensive tract of land on which his faithful followers, numbering some 4,000 might work and prosper. There was also a transfer of considerable cash which Villa said he needed to develop his new ranches. It is also understood that one of the stipulations of the agreement was that Villa was to stay out of politics.

Villa settled in the state of Durango and the few persons who have visited his hacienda report that he is an energetic farmer. Of late, however, stories have been creeping out of the north to the effect that furrowed fields and blooded dairy stock are commencing to pall and that to relieve the monotony the captor of Columbus is mixing just a trifle in the state politics of Durango. Some reports are that he has been asked to run for governor and has consented, but persons close to the man deny the rumors. No matter what the motive, the uncertainty of Villa's action is causing considerable comment in the capital which within the past two months has been put on the qui vive several times by "authentic" statements that the Durango rancher was on his way to Mexico City to consult with his president. He has never arrived and there is small possibility that he will come.

TEXAS HEADS LIST IN NUMBER OF LYNCHINGS

Twelve Put to Death by Mobs in That State; Mississippi Comes Next. Tuskegee, Ala., June 30.—Twelve of forty lynchings in the United States during the first half of the year were recorded in Texas, according to a statement of the department of records and research of Tuskegee Institute, issued today. Mississippi was second to Texas with seven lynchings, while four were reported from Georgia, Arkansas had two and one each was reported from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma and South Carolina. The number lynched during the period is six less than for the first half of 1921, and 18 more than the number recorded for the first six months of 1920. Of those lynched two were white and 23 negroes. Eleven of those put to death were charged with attacks on women and 19 were charges with other offenses. Five were burned at the stake. Three were first put to death and then their bodies burned.

War Mothers Meet. The War Mothers held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. L. Crowell. The important business transacted at this meeting was the decision to mark the graves of our soldiers who died in the world war with a white bar from which hangs a gold star.

We were delighted to have as our guest Mrs. C. B. Wagoner, who gave a beautiful and sympathetic rendition of the song "The Star That Turned to Gold." After a social hour enjoyed with our hostesses we adjourned not to meet again until the fourth Wednesday in September.

To Teach Children Loyalty. (Correspondence of Associated Press.) Sydney, N. S. W., May 17.—The state government is taking steps to insure that children attending state schools will be taught "a proper realization of loyalty," in order to counteract the influences which have been found at work in alleged attempts to make children disloyal, especially in Communist Sunday Schools, the authorities have announced.

Once a week all children attending public schools will recite the words: "I honor my God, I serve my King, I salute my flag."

City of Salisbury Has Adopted Budget System. Salisbury, July 2.—The city aldermen have adopted the budget for the year that is just beginning, and have fixed the tax rate to cover the expenditures proposed. The tax rate is the same as last year with the exception that 10 cents on the \$100 is added for school bond sinking fund. The rate this year is \$1.18 on the \$100 and the poll tax is \$2.05.

DANGER OF MILK FROM TUBERCULOUS COWS

By Dr. T. N. Spencer. Numerous cases of human tuberculosis where bovine tuberculosis was found have been reported by inspectors engaged in tuberculosis eradication work.

The following case was reported and a committee from the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium of Chicago investigated and found conditions as reported. Paris, Ill.—The residents of Edgar county are greatly aroused over an outbreak of tuberculosis which has recently occurred in a family in this vicinity, resulting from the use of milk from a reactor cow formerly owned by Robert Gobson.

The entire herd was tuberculin tested by a Federal veterinarian two years ago, one cow reacted, she was tagged, branded and placed under quarantine by the Federal Veterinarian acting as the representative of the Illinois State Department of Agriculture.

The cow was supposed to have been kept in Segregation on this farm under quarantine laws of the State until such time as she could be slaughtered. Because she was in good flesh and apparently healthy, Gobson claimed she did not have tuberculosis, and it was said boasted that he would be glad to have a whole herd like her.

The Government ear tag was removed and the cow was given to his farm hand, Robert Kelly, in lieu of money owed Mr. Kelly, it is charged. Kelly states that he took the cow home last spring. During the June following one of his girls 5 years old complained of a pain in her back. Dr. Martin, a local physician, was called and pronounced the case tuberculosis.

Since then four other children have developed characteristic symptoms. These children range from 22 to 9 years of age. All have enlarged glands and nearly all have sores on the body. One is in a very serious condition, because the spine is affected.

The cow was slaughtered and the post-mortem examination made by Dr. Grannigan, a Bureau inspector, assisted by Dr. Martin, the attending physician for the Kelly family, and found to be a case of generalized tuberculosis. There are seven children in the family and all but two have contracted the disease.

One girl, 11 years old, does not drink milk and she seems to be perfectly healthy. This is also true of the six-month-old baby which has received no cow milk.

A pig and family cat, fed on the cow's milk, also were tubercular. It is understood that the State's attorney has signified his intention of prosecuting Gobson on a criminal charge.

The following is an editorial from the New York Tribune on this case. "A Strange Tuberculosis Record." Although there are still students of sanitation who maintain that bovine tuberculosis cannot be transmitted to human beings, the great majority of authorities support the opposite opinion and to uphold the affirmative contention the United States Department of Agriculture records a remarkable case which will unquestionably become a classic in the records of the disease. A farmer has his herd tested for tuberculosis, and one cow reacted. Instead of destroying her, the farmer declared the test unreliable, removed the ear tag and sold her to his hired man.

Of seven children in the man's family, five contracted pronounced cases of tuberculosis. The other two did not drink this cow's milk. A pig and a cat also contracted the disease after drinking the milk.

A warrant has been issued for the original owner on a charge of breaking quarantine, and it is stated should one of the children die, he will be subject to a charge of manslaughter. It is obvious that if cattle owners are permitted to break quarantine without penalty, the whole system of dairy herd inspection which has been devised will not be able to protect the health of the community. The farmer should be vigorously prosecuted for his refusal to obey the regulations affecting the diseased cow. His prosecution for manslaughter would present an unusual, if not unique, opportunity for the examination of a number of theories regarding the transmission of tuberculosis from cattle to man.

In any event extraordinary care should be scrutinized with the utmost care by competent authorities on the white plague.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probable thundershowers tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. South to southwest winds.

Whisper by Radio Becomes Shout Miles Away. Officers of the French Navy have discovered a curious fact about wireless signals sent around the earth, says an article in the July issue of Hearst's International Magazine.

These signals are most easily perceptible, loudest, as it were, exactly at that point on the earth which is farthest from the sending station. Which means simply, that the farther a signal goes, the clearer it becomes. Signals, for instance, sent out from the powerful station at the city of Lyons are best heard when the ship receiving them stands at the exact antipode of the city of Lyons. They are much more perceptible at that point than they are when the ship is several thousand miles nearer, only just around the corner, as it were.

The reason for this appears to lie in the fact that the wireless waves bend around the earth, follow the earth's surface. When from the station at the city of Lyons, a message is sent, the waves are shot out in all directions, north, south, east, west and in between. They race around the earth, following its curved surface; and all meet at the antipode of the sending point, reinforced each other. So that there, as it were, they make the most noise.

They made beer in Egypt 3,700 years ago, but in all alone.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Contributed by the Sunday School of Central Methodist Church. The following books have been donated by the Sunday School of Central Methodist Church to the Concord Public Library:

Quiet Talks With Earnest People—Jefferson. How to Teach Religion—Bettis. The Romance of Franching—Horne. The Story of the Bible—Hunting. Old Truths and New Facts—Jefferson.

Revelation of John—Case. The Story of Early Hebrews—Brown. Inspiration for Daily Living—Abbott. Strange Ways of God—Brown. Camp-Fires and Guide-Post—Van Dyke.

The Adult Worker and His Work—Barclay. Emergency in China—Potts. Evangelistic Not—Dawson. Grandfather's Chair—Hawthorne. Poems—Browning. Switzerland—Summers. Romola—Ellot. Papers for Thoughtful Girls—Tyler. Life and Times of Charlemagne—Summers.

Hiawatha—Longfellow. World Beautiful—Whitney. Modern Civilization—Summers. Lessons for Youth—Allen. Songs for Services. Like Christ—Murray. Gospel Hymns. Back to Oxford—Potts. Natural Law in the Spiritual World—Drummond. Addresses—Drummond. The Shield of the Young Methodist—Hudson. Christian Growth—Fitzgerald. Moslems—Williams. Seekers After God—Farrar. Life and Times of Gen. Pierce—Smith. Passing Through the Gates—McTyeire. Healing of the Nations—Williamson. Evangelical—Longfellow. The Bible in Many Tongues—Summers. Idylls of the King—Tennyson. Prince of the House of David—Ingham. Cobra's Den—Chamberlain. The True Path—Arthur. Divine Law as to Wines—Sampson. Autocrat of the Breakfast Table—Holmes. Eminent Anglo-Saxons—Summers. Modern Jerusalem—Summers. Master of Ballantrath—Stevenson. Glimpses of the Dark Ages—Summers. Rollo in Scotland—Abbott. Rollo in Geneva—Abbott. Rollo on the Rhine—Abbott. War of Salvo—Summers. Rollo in Paris—Abbott. Twentieth Century City—Strong. With Wolfe in Canada—Henty. The Days of Miracles—Not Past—Doss. Paris, Ancient and Modern—Summers. Columbus—Cubitt. Holy Living—Taylor. Rollo in Switzerland—Abbott. Childs Garden of Verse—Stevenson. Sketch-Book—Irving. Bitter-Sweet—Truman. Life of Robt. Paine, D. D.—Rivers. Her Only Son—Brame. Harmony of the Gospel—Stevens. Lucile—Meredith. Elias Power—Bramford. The Silver Lining—Stevens. True and I—Curtis. The Successful Merchant—Arthur. Four Princes—Scherer. Vivia's Leap—Tidy. Bigham. In His Steps—Sheldon. The Point of Contact in Teaching—DuBois. Tales From Shakespeare—Lamb. Simple Life—Wagner. Pioneers of Methodism—Moore. Dr. Summers—Fitzgerald. Professor at the Breakfast Table—Holmes. Paradise Lost—Milton. A Betrayed Trust—McClure. Heroes and Hero Worship—Carlyle. To the East by Way of the West—Marvin. Life, Sermons and Speeches of Dr. Reid—Reid. Japan, Country, Court and People—Newton. Poverty—Hunter. Notes for Bible Reading—Brigg-Ellet.

Can It Be False?—Horse. Latin America—Brown. A Mothers' Portrait—Jooson. Every Man a King—Marden. Woman and Home—Marden. New Arabian Nights—Stevenson. Spiritual Sanctification—Brooks. Winning the Boy—Merrill. Echoes From Edinburgh—Gardner. Anne Kilburn—Howells. A Crusade of Compassion—Allen. History of Women's Foreign Missions—Butler. The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets—Addams. The Man Who Forgot—Hay. How to Help—Corydon. Mother Carey's Chickens—Wiggin. Missionary Issues for the Twentieth Century. Teachers' Guide (1920)—Tarbell. Dictionary of Religion—Matthews and Smith.

Cannot Be Good Elder and Bad Lawyer. Presbyterian Standard. Bishop Gallor, of Tennessee, an Episcopalian, publicly condemned the Eighteenth Amendment, but prominently of that church claim that he misrepresents them. They made matters so warm for the bishop that he publicly announced that he spoke as an individual, and not as a bishop.

Years ago a leading elder of the College Church at Hangden-Sidney, Va., defended a man who had committed murder. Dr. Dabney as his pastor called him to account for his course. His reply was similar to that of the bishop. He said that it was as a lawyer and not as an elder that he defended the murderer. Dr. Dabney's reply was, "When the devil gets the lawyer, where will the elder be?"

A Siamese Buddhist, when he takes a solemn oath, says: "If I lie, may I be cast into purgatory, and there be made to carry water through fire in a wicker basket."

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE

The children of the community will join to take sufficient time to vote for school bonds Wednesday.

Eight cases were on docket in recorder's court this morning, and the session of court was a long one.

Cotton on the local market is quoted today at 21 cents per pound; cotton seed at 45 cents per bushel.

Marriage license has been issued by Registrar of Deeds Harris to Lee Campbell and Miss Hester Dagenhart, both of Kannapolis.

The school election is won if the people who are registered vote in the election Wednesday, an observant citizen remarked this morning.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. J. A. Cannon at her home on North Union Street this evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Winters and Mr. Mrs. Bill Harris, of Winston, spent last night here with friends and relatives, and returned home this morning.

Following our usual custom we will publish no issue of The Tribune tomorrow, July Fourth, and the employees in our office will be given an opportunity to enjoy a day of rest.

Mrs. George Klutz has returned to her home here from Charlotte hospital, where she underwent treatment for several days. Her condition is reported as improved.

The July meeting of the County Commissioners is being held in the court house today. The board members are expecting no business of unusual importance to be presented to them.

Worth McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCall of Young Street, entered the Concord hospital Saturday. He submitted to an operation yesterday morning, and today is reported as resting comfortably.

An Open Air Dance will be held on South Powder Street, between Corbin and Depot streets on Tuesday night from 7 to 12 o'clock. Everybody is invited. These dances are held weekly and are attended by large crowds.

The Woman's Missionary Society of St. James Lutheran Church will meet in the lecture room of the church at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will be an important one and all members are urged to be present.

The County Board of Education is meeting this afternoon in the office of Prof. J. E. Robertson, secretary to the board. So far the board has discussed routine matters only, and it is not known if anything of unusual importance will be presented to the board during the afternoon.

The Responsibilities of Wealth. Youth's Companion. Some years ago a New England author who was enjoying a walk along the coast was overtaken by a sudden thundershower and sought refuge in the nearest building, which chanced to be a tiny shack—close, dingy and odoriferous—used for shucking clams. Dirt and cobwebs obscured the one small window, and the pelting rain obliged the clammer to close the door.

As the author seated on an upturned bucket, and the clammer, seated on another, fell into conversation, the storm grew more violent; the shack became darker and darker until the dropping clamshells seemed scarcely more than a gleam of white, and the two men each saw the other's face only as a pale blur.

The clammer, outtelling the whistling, confided his dearest dream to his guest. "If some day some fortune relation I never heard of should die and leave me a million dollars, I'd build me a new shed, all glass! Yes, sir, all four sides and the door and every blamed part of her 'cept just the roof glass! Then a feller could see to shuck proper, no matter what the weather was!"

He would perhaps have been no happier in such a palatial and crystalline shucking shed than he was in the one he owned. He would certainly have been anxious whenever hail accompanied thunder, and agitated at the passing of every group of boys tossing a ball.

It is told of an aged oysterman of old-time Albany—one John Cameron, who used to earn his living by selling oyster's from a heavy barrel on should and leave me a million dollars, he shouted, "I'd know what I'd do! I'd build me a new shed, all glass! Yes, sir, all four sides and the door and every blamed part of her 'cept just the roof glass! Then a feller could see to shuck proper, no matter what the weather was!"

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All went well for a while. Then one torrid day Mr. Townsend, driving through the city, observed a crowd collected in the street. That was before the day when horses wore straw hats in scorching weather, and poor John Cameron's unprotected nag had apparently succumbed to sunstroke; at any rate it lay prostrate in the middle of the road while the distracted owner, on his knees with a pall of water at his side, nipped its fevered brow with a sponge. At the sound of wheels he looked up and recognized his benefactor. "O sir! O Mr. Townsend!" he cried plaintively in tones of profound self-pity. "I never realized till I had this horse and cart what a responsibility it is to a man of means!"

Senator McCumber Gives Aids. Washington, July 2.—Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, in a letter made public by him today ascribed his defeat for renomination in the North Dakota primary to "the bipartisan combination which had been made against him on the side, and the non-partisan organization which is so loyally supported by his opponents."

With Our Advertisers. Hats are being sold for half price, and in some instances for less than half price at Fisher's, new ad. today says. All summer merchandise at this store.

Railroad crossings have killed an average of 18,000 persons annually for the past three years, according to the general safety agent of the New York Central Lines.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE AFTERNOON OF 40

Half Holiday Given For the Field Events to Be Held by the American Legion.

The following Concord business houses have agreed to close their places of business at noon Tuesday, July 2d, with the exception of the drug stores which will close at 2 and open again at 6 for the American Legion's Athletic Contest which will be held at the Calabrus Ball Park during the afternoon. Mrs. Beadie R. McConnell, Secretary of the Merchants' Association announced today:

Powkes Pressing Club, Specialty Hat Shop, St. Cloud Barber Shop, Pearl Drug Co., Calabrus Drug Co., First Atlantic & Pacific Store, J. Ed. Cline Grocery Co., Army and Navy Store, Chas. Graeber, Albemarle Grocery Co., Lippard & Barrie, Calabrus Union Supply Co., Cline & Moore, Calabrus Cash Grocery, Jno. W. Cline Grocery Co., S. M. Barr & Co., C. H. Barrie & Co., Wilkinson-Widenhorse Co., T. J. Smith & Bro., Waddell & Sons, Crowell & Brown, Gibson Drug Co., McCall's 5c and 10c Store, W. C. Correll Jewels Co., Yorks-Walsh Co., Park-Belle Co., Dore & Best, Reliable Shoe Hospital, J. M. Glass & Sons, J. F. Duggan, Mt. Market, Pounds-Moore, Richmond Flour Co., Central Barber Shop, Meigs Meat Market, C. M. Sappentfield Grocery, Cline & Mahrey, Pat Covington, Central Cafe, L. E. Boger Grocery Co., Shoe Hospital, J. C. Whiteford, Electric Appliance Co., Musette, Fitz-Forter Drug Co., Hoover's, James' Furniture, J. E. Love, Ivey's, Edler's, G. W. Patterson Grocery Co., Fisher's, Bell & Harris Furniture Co., H. G. Ritz, Kidd-Frix, Sanitary Grocery Co., H. M. Blackwelder, Cline's Pharmacy, Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co., A. F. Hartsell Grocery, Southeastern Express Company, Sof's Style Shop.

As the committee could only visit the downtown business section it regrets that all stores in the other sections of the city observe this half holiday and help the Legion make this the biggest event of its kind ever attempted in Concord.

WOMAN'S EXPOSITION TO BE HELD IN THE FIELD. Exposition Will Show Just What the Women Are Doing in the Business World.

New York, July 3.—The New York League of Business and Professional Women has decided to hold an Exposition of Women's Activities here next September to prove that women have won an enviable position in the business, professional and industrial world.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sears, president of the League, which already has organized to prepare for the exhibit, in announcing plans for the exposition, said: "We are no longer an experiment in the business world. We are here to stay and it is up to us to show that we are here to be an asset and not a liability in the business world."

"Our exposition plan is a courageous one, it is true, but it takes but a few women to show our strength. We will present not only the varied vocational opportunities now open to women—over 60 such vocations—and we will point out just how every young woman should be trained for her job as a wife and mother—the biggest and most important job of all—as well as for her business career. We find that a well-trained business girl makes a most successful wife and mother."

"When we began the exposition, we had the thought that we would present an adequate display of the manner in which women were successfully entering every field of commerce and profession; but we were forced to widen our plan of campaign from the start. We found that our women were identified with almost every branch of business and industry and so opened the exposition to any firm that has women associated in its production, distribution or sales departments. We have, for instance, women manufacturers of paint, varnish and floor composition and presidents of confectionery, machinery and radio firms. We have landscape gardeners, purchasing agents, credit managers, cutlery workers and dozens of other lines that were unheard of for women a few years ago."

"We do not propose to display an spirit of competition in our exposition—our exhibitors, rather, display a tendency to unite in groups to show just what women are doing in such varied lines as manufactures, banking, investment, building, advertising, insurance, etc."

Miss Reba Doughton Undergoes Operation. Washington, July 1.—Miss Reba Doughton, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Robert L. Doughton, was operated on for appendicitis yesterday and is doing very well. The attack came suddenly, and an operation was advised.

She is in the Emergency hospital. Mr. Doughton is still here but hopes to meet his engagement at Boone on the Fourth.

Stillwell of Mecklenburg Drowned in Catawba River. Charlotte, July 2.—Lester Stillwell, well known citizen of west Mecklenburg, was drowned in the Catawba river today about 1 o'clock. He was swimming with a party of friends and got caught in the swift current of the river. He was 20 years old and unmarried. The body was recovered.

Verdict of 12 Cents Against Macon Paper. Macon, Ga., June 29.—The jury in the libel suit of former Mayor Glenn Toole against the Macon Telegraph for \$50,000 damages returned a verdict for the plaintiff yesterday in the sum of twelve cents. Toole claimed that his character was defamed by publication of an article in the Telegraph on May 31, 1921.

At one time or another almost every barrel of oil produced in the United States travels through a pipe line. The flow of oil in the fifty thousand miles of pipe never stops. Different grades of oil are separated from one another by "headers" which are merely partitions of water some three feet long.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

To Meet in Shelby July 25-28. First of Anniversary. Everything on the program of the state convention of the North Carolina Press Association, to be held at Cleveland Springs, near Shelby, on July 25-28, with a holiday trip, the 28th to Chimney Rock, will have a bearing on the 50th anniversary of the organization of the association.

John H. Sherrill, of Concord, president of the association, was in Charlotte yesterday in connection with putting the finishing touches on the convention program which is expected to be ready for publication within the next few days.

The "jubilee convention" will be featured by an address by Gov. Cameron Morrison, who has accepted the invitation to speak, the time for which has not been definitely determined.

Another feature will be papers by two of the oldest newspaper men in the state covering the history of the days since the association was formed in 1872. Papers giving the progress in 50 years of agriculture, education, electric development and manufacturing in the state will also be read.

While the convention will actually be in session three days, the business will be completed the first two days and on the third day the newspaper men present will do a day's editing in Chimney Rock for a picnic.

Pictures of all of the annual conventions held, all that can be gotten together, will adorn the convention hall at Cleveland Springs. Mr. Sherrill said, saying that pictures of most all of the conventions are available.

While the convention is in progress, a daily paper will be issued, the type to be set on the linotype and inter-type machines to be exhibited and printed on job presses that will be in the machinery display.

A loving cup is to be presented to the publisher of the best weekly newspaper issued in North Carolina, the judges to be selected in secrecy. This cup will be given by Walter H. Savory, assistant general manager of the Meigsenthal Linotype company, who attends all of the North Carolina conventions and has been made an honorary member.

Mr. Sherrill announces that he has already received the badges to be worn by the members at the convention, on which are included the seal of North Carolina, reference to the 50th anniversary and other information. They are attractive, he states, saying that they are being printed by Bernhard Bros. & Spindler, of Washington.

President Sherrill was secretary of the North Carolina Press Association for 32 years, having been elected continuously every year from 1888, until two years ago, when he declined reelection. He was presented with a handsome silver service at the meeting of the association in this city two years ago. He was elected president last year. Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, is secretary of the Association.

COTTON MARKET LETTER. New York, July 2.—The cotton market has become increasingly dull and inactive during the past week, pending the approach of the holidays and next government condition report on July 3. Outstanding speculative commitments appear to be pretty well evened up, and there is a disposition to await this report as a guide to sentiment and the course of prices. Private estimates range approximately from 70 per cent to 75 per cent of normal, and the general expectation is that the government report will be closer to the latter figure, against a 10-year average of 76.9.

The recent progress of the crop has been excellent, and its general appearance is now flattering, although, due to the late start, the average height of the plant is only nine inches, compared with a normal 14 inches. In reality, the June condition of the crop means very little, and has never been a deciding factor in the yield of cotton. At the present time of normal, and the crop is the boll weevil, and the abnormal heavy infestation of this insect indicates great prospective damage to the final output. For this reason, while the crop is as yet neither made nor lost, the probabilities seem against it, and it is generally believed that the extent of the weevil activities this year will be a very large factor in controlling prices. Speculation apprehension on the account will be increased, throughout the growing season regardless of the eternal appearance of the crop. Until it is definitely allayed, it seems unlikely that there will be any permanent or serious decline below the 20-cent level. There is a dwindling supply of cotton with the consumption rate back at the pre-war level and the recent strength of the market seems most entirely due to heavy trade allocation. The bullish possibilities are obvious.

A feature of the week was the tendering by two leading spot houses of 115,000 bales, or the bulk of the local certificated stock on first July notice day. This is one of the finest stocks of cotton the port of New York ever had and it was promptly taken by scattered interests, much of it being undoubtedly earmarked for shipment in the near future.

GWATHMEY AND CO. MEN HELD FOR RANSOM HAVE BEEN RELEASED. The Eighty-Five Employees Included About Six Americans.

Washington, June 30.—Dispatches to the State Department today from Consul Shaw at Tampico indicated that the 85 employees of the British owned La Corona Oil Co., including about half a dozen Americans, held yesterday for ransom by outlaws, had been released. The message was very brief and not clear, and the Department telegraphed immediately for an explanation.

Prevention is better than cure, thinks Thomaston, and straightway employed Miss Blake as community nurse. She arrived two weeks ago, after 15 months of experience in South Carolina, and has been provided with a new Ford coupe. She will do no bedside nursing, but will be in charge of health conditions in her field—Charity and Children.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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