

THE WEATHER PREDICTION.

For Jersey City and its vicinity.
Fair and cooler to-morrow; brisk
southerly winds.

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TO-DAY'S THERMOMETER.

Its fluctuations since midnight.
Temperature at midnight, 63; at 6 a. m.,
67; at noon, 76, and at 2 p. m., 77.

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Jerseyman Held by the Moorish Bandits



COUNTESS GENTILE.

MRS. PERDICARIS.

Two men prominent in the public eye just now are Ion Perdicaris, an American, and Oliver Cromwell Varley, an Englishman, who were kidnapped at their home, El Minzah, which is about four miles from Tangier, Morocco, and carried off to the mountains on the evening of May 18 by the notorious bandit, Fraissouli, and his followers. The United States Consul-General Samuel R. Gummere, and the British Minister are taking the most energetic measures to secure their release and to bring the bandits to justice.

Ion Perdicaris has always lived in a romantic environment. His father, Gregory A. Perdicaris, was at one time Consul from Greece to the United States, and later became a professor of Greek in Harvard College. It was while there he met Miss Hanford, the wealthy young Southern woman whom he married. Ion was their only child and was about eight years old when his parents went to reside in Trenton in the old Perdicaris mansion, of which not a stone is left today, on East State and Clinton streets. Ion was artistic, impulsive and enthusiastic. He developed a taste for painting and also exhibited a strong tendency toward looking from the northern instead of the southern point of view regarding national politics, which was a thorn in the flesh to his parents; so, when he was eighteen years old, for the sake of art, he was sent to Europe to study the old world masters, and, for the sake of peace, it was hoped that a life abroad would blunt his political enthusiasm. From that day to this his adventures read like a romance. While in Florence he met Anna Corn Mowatt Ritchie, the actress, and with little Sacha, the son of Home, the spiritualist, and one or two congenial friends, they have highly successful amateur theatricals and entertained a number of the American colony and tourists. When Mrs. Ritchie died, some years later, Perdicaris planned her picturesque burial, which took place at midnight by the light of torches.

For a number of years he was a cosmopolitan, studying the different phases of life in France, England and Italy, and then, in 1874, came the tidings from England that he had married Mrs. Varley, the divorced wife of C. O. Varley, the late eminent English electrician who assisted Cyrus Field in his first American cable enterprise. The next year Mr. and Mrs. Perdicaris, the Misses Ada and Hebe Varley, Cromwell Varley and Fleetwood Varley all arrived in Trenton, and during the summer and winter following Mr. Perdicaris devoted his time to painting his picture, entitled "Amalthea."

It later was exhibited in the art gallery of the Centennial Exposition. The critics admired its coloring, but pronounced the composition lacking and the artist was disgusted because it was "skvel." The Perdicaris family became favorites in New Jersey society. Mrs. Perdicaris is a handsome, gifted, charming and large-minded

woman. Both she and her husband are generous to a fault and when they left Trenton for Tangier their departure was regretted by many friends. Mrs. Perdicaris' elder daughter, Ada Varley, against the wishes of the family, insisted on making the stage her profession. Mr. Perdicaris accepted the inevitable and brought a troupe of English actors to New York, where under her stage name of "Nard Allmayn," Miss Varley made her debut as "Ophelia." She acted so well that Mr. Perdicaris engaged the Fifth Avenue Theatre, produced a play written by himself, "The Triumph of Immortality," in which Miss Varley assumed the principal role, and which proved a failure. The boxes on



S. R. GUMMERE.

the opening night were filled by fashionable folk from Trenton, Newark, Princeton and Bayonne. In 1881 the family came from Tangier and spent a year in the Harry McCall home, "Ellesleight," in Trenton, and as far as is possible in America, Mrs. Perdicaris established a salon, many distinguished men of letters, artists and musicians attended her meetings.

That season her pretty young daughter, Miss Hebe Varley, was introduced to society. The following year, in Tangier, she married Count A. Ginatelle Gentile of the Italian Legation. It was during this, their last visit to this country, that Consul General Samuel R. Gummere, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Barker Gummere of Trenton, and a brother of Chief Justice Gummere, became intimate with Mr. and Mrs. Perdicaris. While he was at the Hague, acting as secretary to Minister William L. Dayton, he went to Tangier and spent several months at the Perdicaris palace, which was remodeled and made the thing of beauty it is to-day by Mr. Perdicaris.