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Weather.

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; probably rain tomorrow; northerly winds, becoming easterly.

MOROCCO AND ITS PEOPLE.

Mr. **Ion Perdicaris** Addresses National Geographic Society.

"The People, Politics and Government of Morocco" was the subject of a lecture last night in Hubbard Memorial Hall by Mr. **Ion Perdicaris**, whose experience as a captive in the hands of Moorish brigands was generally exploited in the newspapers at the time of his capture and after his release. Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau and president of the National Geographic Society, presided, and introduced Mr. **Perdicaris** to the audience, which filled the hall to overflowing.

As Morocco is now said to be a bone of contention between France and Germany, the lecture was given added interest. Speaking of the sultan of that country, the lecturer compared him with the Caesar of Russia as a man anxious to see his people happy, but lacking the courage of his convictions and the tact and ability to make them so.

He said the present sultan is a member

of one of the oldest dynasties in the world. It was founded in Morocco in 789 by Idrisi, a grandson of Mohammed, and has continued in an unbroken line from that day to this. As a rule, its sovereigns have been men of courage, honesty, foresight and judgment. Negroes have come to be an important factor in the management of the government, he said.

It was also said by Mr. Perdicaris that the population of the country is between 4,000,000 and 7,000,000 of people. A mistaken idea prevails among tourists, he said, that the country is thinly populated, as every one who can lives out of sight from the main highways; this in order to escape the exactions of official tax-gatherers and the fashion of the government of billeting its troops and officials on the people along the roads.

The occasion of the lecture was the first scientific meeting of the Geographic Society's winter season. President Moore announced that Mr. Perdicaris would deliver a public lecture before the society in the National Rifles' Armory next Friday evening, when he will relate the story of his capture by the bandit Raisouli, his confinement in the Atlas mountains, the payment of ransom and his ultimate escape. Mr. Perdicaris recently arrived in America to spend the winter in Washington.