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A General Meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association will be held in the C. C. C. Hall on THURSDAY NIGHT, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp. Business of the utmost importance to be discussed.

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How the Stormy Petrels

CAME TO BE KNOWN AS "MOTHER
CAREY'S CHICKENS"

Mother Carey's Chickens and "Stormy Petrels" are names applied by sailors to a species of sea-fowl which ornithologists say is the smallest of all web-footed birds, sooty black in color, with a little white on wings and tail, and so thoroughly given up to an Eskimo diet of fish and whale-blubber that it emits an unpleasant odor. "Mother Carey" may be a corruption of mater cara (Latin for "dear mother"), as birds of this class, which are thought by some to give friendly warnings of coming storms and thus are believed to be messengers from the Virgin Mary.

The stormy petrel, is familiarly known to the French on the Mediterranean coast as l'oiseau de Notre Dame ("our Lady's bird") and to the Sardinians as uccello pescatore Santa Maria ("Holy Mary's fishing bird"). Incidentally it may be mentioned that "petrel" is probably a corruption of Peter (Latin Petrus, Italian Pietro), is allusion to the custom of walking on the water which kins the fowl to the less expert apostle.

Yarrell contends that the name "Mother Carey's chickens" was first bestowed upon the stormy petrel by Capt. Carteret's sailors and he suggests that it may have been the name of some celebrated old hag whose memory they thus jocosely perpetuated. "The mater cara" etymology, however, is all the more plausible," explains William S. Walsh in a Handy Book of Curious Information, "when we remember the great power over the sea attributed by the Roman Catholic church to the Holy Mother whom the sailor invokes as 'Stella Maris, Star of the Sea.'"

"Place mare, Marie Stella!
Ne involut nos procelia.
Et tempestas obvia.
Calm the waves, O Star of the Sea,
So that they may not engulf our ship,
And disperse the storms!"

Jack Tar is as full of superstition as the Greek sailor of the time of Aristophanes, 2000 years ago. Petrel-tales, in "The Birds," says, "Some one of the birds shall always foretell to him that consults them about the voyage: 'now sail not; there will be a tempest'; 'now sail; there will be a profit.'" In the same spirit Alexander was led on to a victory over his great adversary, Darius, by the encouraging flight of an eagle, and Romulus "built his kingdom by flying of fowls and soothsaying."

Pennant in his "Zoology" affirms that the great auk having been observed by seamen never to wander beyond soundings, "they are accustomed to direct their vessels by its appearance, being assured that they are very remote from land. Thus it is that the sudden sight of a flock of stormy petrels fills the sailor with forebodings. Observation has taught him that, when this bird becomes unusually rapid in its movements, it is providentially bestirring itself to gather food, that it may return to its home on the shore before the storm breaks."

Therefore, it is that quantities of these birds, invisible at other times, gather around a vessel during or just before a storm to catch any particles of food that may be thrown overboard, or to pick up the small fish, molluscs, and other animals which the agitated ocean brings in abundance to the surface of the water. Descending now into the deeper valleys of the abyss and now scarcely touching the foamy crest of the highest waves, they dart hither and thither, with apparent delight, and not of the misgivings with which the poor sailor fathets their performances.

Yes, though generally regarded as ominous of evil, sailors have a superstitious dread of injuring "Mother Carey's chickens," believing that they are witches or that each contains the soul of some shipwrecked mariner. As they are ever haunting and never resting, the French call them ames damnes, or "damned souls."

In contradistinction to Mother Carey's chickens, the great black petrel is known as "Mother Carey's goose." When it knows the sailors say "Mother Carey is plucking her geese." This petrel is frequent in the Pacific ocean. It is a ravenous-feeder upon dead whales.

In history the name "Mother Carey's chickens" has been extended to the mobs which thronged the streets of Paris during the first great French revolution, because their appearance was the foreboding of woe, the heralding of a tumult and political stormy weather.

Three-Master Launched

A fine three-masted schooner was launched at St. John's yesterday from the H. Grace Shipbuilding Co. yard. Built for Tessler & Co. by Shipbuilder Evans, under the direction of Capt. Davis, part owner of the ship, the "Monchy," as she has been christened, measures 130 tons gross, and the sails, rigging and all are now completed. The "Monchy," which was built according to Lloyd's requirements and with a view to receiving the Government bounty, is a splendid ship and ought to prove a fast and graceful sailer.

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Coal Shortage in United States.

WORSE THAN DURING WAR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Virtually the entire country was struggling to-night to make the best of more abnormal conditions than prevailed during the war as a result of the drastic measures being prescribed daily to partially counteract the prolonged strike of miners in the bituminous coal fields.

To-night the situation could be summarized as follows: Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield indicated that coal production was increasing over last week.

Orders for further curtailment in train service were issued with suspension for the first time in its history of the 20th Century Limited between New York and Chicago. Approximately 150 other trains in the western district will be affected beginning next Wednesday.

New York City was included in the restricted area to-day when heat was turned off in sub-way, elevated and surface cars during rush hours, and in cabins on some of the ferry boats. Theatre signs also were darkened but for one hour during the evening.

Reports from the Pittsburg (Pa.) district indicated that many miners there had expressed to their employers a desire to resume work, while word was received from Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general of Kansas that he believed the coal diggers of that State would break away from the leadership of President Howatt of District 14 of the Mine Workers.

Six Counties in Oklahoma were placed under military rule and Governor Robertson has ordered on duty the entire National Guard organization to occupy the coal fields.

Governor Lowden, of Illinois, announced that the State would make no effort to run the mines at present as it would be almost murder to send inexperienced men into the deep pits.

Tennessee operators and miners have been called by Governor Roberts to meet in Knoxville Saturday to consider steps to end the strike without seizure of the mines.

State operation of the Kansas surface mines continued to-day with volunteers taking coal from twelve pits in a drizzling rain.

While the restrictions were ordered for Chicago yesterday, the full effect was not felt until to-day. The Public Utilities Commission also revised its orders and beginning Monday retail stores will have their doors opened from noon until 6 p. m. It was announced that a four hour day might become necessary.

Efforts in Michigan and Iowa to resume work in the mines were in vain, with the miners' representatives standing pat.

Ten thousand idle miners in West Virginia were urged by a convention of delegates from sub-district 8 to accept the Government's offer of 14 per cent. increase.

The Southern regional director has ordered a general curtailment of passenger train service in the South, effective Tuesday.

After a conference to-day with operators and miners, Governor Cox of Chicago declared that he considered the prospects for a settlement of the walk out good. It was understood that the executive proposed an increase to the miners of approximately 25 per cent. The conference will convene again on Monday.

Soldiers from Camp Lewis are enroute to the coal fields of Montana for emergency purposes.

A majority of the union miners in Missouri to-day refused Governor Gardner's offer to return to work at a 14 per cent. increase, and preparations were being completed to-night to put volunteer labor in the surface mines to-morrow.

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