

RUSSIA'S STRONG MAN



GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS

He commanded the Russian army at the beginning of the war and won notable victories. He was deposed through jealous influences.

BEEFSTEAK

Beefsteak is an article of food which walks into a slaughter house on four legs and rides out in a wagon in chunks.

Some folks like it rare, exceedingly rare. So rare, in fact, that they tell the waiter to just cripple theirs and drag it in.

Other folks don't like it rare. But with prices what they are, they find it rare whether they like it or not. Either mighty rare or totally extinct. One man we know was carried to the hospital the other day singing: "Oh what is so rare as a day in June? A piece of the cow that jumped over the moon."

This condition should not exist.

We are in favor of more meat on beefsteak.

ALD. KENNEDY TALKS OF GAS AND TRACTION PATRIOTS

"Three big national issues are filling the minds of the people of Chicago. Local issues are getting less attention in proportion to their importance than at any in this city's history. The gas company, the traction crowd, the telephone company and Commonwealth Edison are all going to have their franchises renewed or their new rate schedules fixed this year or new year.

"The aldermanic campaign this spring would be the most exciting the city has ever known if big national issues were not taking the time and thought of so many people. With a railroad strike threatened, war with Germany threatened, and with rising prices of food and clothing to be combatted, the average wage earner is kept might busy."

This is the way Ald. John C. Kennedy explains the lack of excitement in the ward campaigns this month. Kennedy believes the utility corporations are active in every ward in Chicago and this year and next they will grab enormous new special privileges.

"Fifty-year franchises, 7-cent street car fares, overloaded capitalizations that would make Charles T. Yerkes look like a piker—these issues under normal conditions would have Chicago hot under the collar from Norwood Park to Englewood.

"Gas to cook with going higher. Electric light current going higher. Street car rides going higher. That's the prospect for Chicago. That's what the utility corporations are going to put over while the turmoil of war, strikes and mounting food prices is at its worst this year. Their plans are laid for it. The work is being done quietly.

"We will all know more about when the work is finished and the jokers have been slipped through in city council and state legislature."