

FLAX IS WORLD'S GREATEST FIBRE

Cessation of Export From Russia Causes Short- age in Britain.

The strongest and most durable fibre known is that of the flax. From the remotest ages this has been woven into linen by all peoples to whom it was known. The lake dwellers of Switzerland used it; it was cultivated five thousand years ago in Mesopotamia, Assyria and Egypt.

It was introduced into the British Isles probably by the Romans of Julius Caesar's army. In the reign of Henry VIII. its cultivation was compulsory on every farm. In the seventeenth century the law compelled the burial of the dead in linen clothes, and the wearing of linen scarfs and hatbands

The greatest flax growing country in the world was Russia, which before the war had 3,800,000 acres of it under cultivation and produced 525,000 tons of the fibre annually. In Ireland in 1912

There is now a great shortage of linen, owing to the cessation of the export of flax from Russia, whence Great Britain used to get 80 per cent. of its supply.

BOLSHEVIK TOWNS BOMBARDED BY ALLIES

London, Aug. 8.—A Bolshevik wireless communication, dated Thursday and received today, says:

cipally or British ships, bombarded Ochakov (government of Kherson, 41 miles northeast of Odessa) Tuesday night. More than 500 shots were fired, which destroyed many buildings. Enemy ships also bombarded Stanislavov."

Other wireless Bolshevik messages received today say that Gen. Yudenich is reported to have formed a Russian government at Helsinki for the

The Bolsheviks, according to the despatch, have taken 5,000 prisoners.

**WHISKEY AT CHATHAM
HAD SOAP CAMOUFLAGE**

Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham, Aug. 8.—Further evidence of the activities of the whiskey ring which is believed to have headquarters here, were made known in police circles today, when it was ascertained that during the past few days a con-

considerable quantity was smuggled into the city. It was stated that a big supply was shipped here in a car billed as potatoes. Smaller shipments, camouflaged with layers of soap in their cases, and so labelled on the outside, are known to have arrived. In the meantime, the price "per" on the

**STEAMER RAN AGROUND,
BUT ALL WERE SAVED**

Boston, Aug. 8. — The steamship North Star struck on Green Island.

nine miles south of Yarmouth, N.S., in a fog at 6.40 a.m. today. The removal of her passengers, 280 in all, and their transfer to Yarmouth was accomplished without accident, and at 11.30 it was announced that all had landed. The North Star, which is in the service of the Eastern Steamship

**Hold Undertakers to Account
For Destruction of Clothing**

sanitary inspector caught a driver selling clothing taken from the body of a person who died from a contagious disease to a second hand dealer, and has served notice on the undertakers that they will be held responsible for destruction of all such clothing.

**Major-Gen. E. C. Ashton Moves
From Brantford to Ottawa**

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Aug. 8.—That he had come back from Ottawa to remove his household effects to the capital

and that he had no intention of returning to Brantford to resume his practice as a physician, Major-General Dr. E. C. Ashton, adjutant-general for Canada announced today. It had been rumored that he would retire from army life and return to

BIBLE COURSE CLOSES

Kitchener, Aug. 8.—The vocational Bible schools closed here today after a five weeks' course. An appropriate program, in which the children's

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