

which does not cause tuberculosis when injected into guineapigs. The etiology of the condition is obscure. Intra-abdominal adhesions occur mostly at the four corners of the abdomen. They may be the cause of enteroptosis as the result of chronic constipation. At times, on account of the obstruction produced, blood and mucous appear in the stool and when on examination a mass is felt, the diagnosis of malignant growth may be made. The treatment is surgical.—*N. Y. Med Jour.*

BELGIAN WAR LOSSES.

According to Figaro of Paris the Belgian losses since the beginning of the war have been about 25,000 killed, 52,000 wounded, 35,000 captured, and 32,000 interned in Holland. It is interesting from the medical standpoint to note the popular error with regard to the direct mortality of warfare. The idea that a country can be depopulated by war on a large scale and under modern conditions is true to a small degree and, in a somewhat indirect way. Anyone who holds this idea and who studies the statistics finds the direct mortality almost disappointingly small, although for humanitarian reasons, he will hesitate to use such an expression. The full military strength of any average population is about a quarter of its total numeric strength; that is to say, half will be males and of these, half will be included between the ages of 20 and 55. With allowance for disabled men and those required as non-combatants, it is only under stress that the military strength will reach 25 per cent. of the total population. At 15 per 1,000 mortality per annum, the average deaths in four months for Belgium, whose population is about 7,500,000, would be nearly 37,500. The direct mortality from warfare is about twice the peace mortality for the entire male, adult population. This is, of course, a serious increment but probably not so important numerically as the increase of mortality among non-combatants, from exposure, fatigue, excitement, insufficient nourishment, etc. Belgium has been depopulated temporarily, to a much greater extent than by direct mortality of war, since it is estimated that about 2,000,000 have taken refuge in France and about 1,000,000 in Holland and England. Even if the war were now over, the mortality of non-combatants would continue at a high rate for a year or two more.—*Buffalo Medical Journal.*

CONTROL OF PROSTITUTION.

Dr. G. Shearman Peterkin, of Seattle, concludes a recent paper on Police Control of Prostitution as follows: