

*PEACE THEORIES.*

The humorous side of the present stupendous conflict appears occasionally in the papers of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes. We have had occasion to notice some of their productions, theoretically unobjectionable and often praiseworthy in their intention, but, of course, ludicrously futile. Recently a paper was published by an Oxford professor under the title "Does International Law still Exist?" The writer comes to the conclusion that it does, and he anticipates that at the end of the war it will stand on a more secure footing than before. The hope is also expressed "that the world will declare that the clear principles of law must never again be set aside as of no account." This is a very pleasing hope, but one that we do not anticipate will ever be realized. The question in this paper leads one's thoughts to the last paper of the Society above referred to. We are glad that it shews that even some people of the peace-at-any-price party have lucid intervals, and are beginning to see the humorous side of their work, for the last paper makes a statement which must have cost him many pangs, viz., "An International Force must support an International Tribunal." In other words, there is no use in establishing a code of criminal law without providing a sufficient police force to enforce its observance and punish offenders. Whilst this can be done in individual nations, the present war indicates that it can never be hoped for in the community of nations; and therefore the discussion of this self-evident proposition is a waste of time, and had better be postponed until the world has nothing else to do but theorize.

*THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.*

The mind of the American Association for International Conciliation is developing under the stress of a war which the Peace Party thought should have been prevented by arbitration. Their last paper has a new remedy for the war fever, and it is "The Federation of Nations." It is said to be a necessary step in the