

BELGIUM AND GREECE

It is not unnatural that during the last few months articles have from time to time appeared in the papers of neutral countries drawing attention to the treatment of Greece by the Allies and suggesting that this shows how little regard need really be attached to their professions that they are actuated by the respect for the rights of small States, and that they are defending law and justice against force and violence. It is suggested that when these professions are put to the proof, Great Britain and her Allies act precisely as Germany has done; we talk of the rights which belong to the weak when Belgium and Serbia are overrun by the German armies, but when a small and weak State refuses to do our bidding, it becomes apparent that we are willing to commit exactly the same crimes that we have denounced in others.

The argument is one that would appeal to simple and ingenuous minds. Belgium was a neutral State and so was Greece. Belgium was a small State and so was Greece. The neutrality of Belgium was violated by the German Army, who claimed to use the territory as a road to France. The neutrality