

STATEMENT BY GREEK PREMIER.

M. Ralli Tells Why His Government Is Aiding Turkey Against the Insurgents.

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LONDON, Sept. 3.—With reference to the observations recently made in The Times on the subject of Greek co-operation with Turkey, says the Athens correspondent of The Times, the Greek Premier, M. Ralli, has sent the following statement to the press:

“The reply is simple. We have before us herds of wolves making incursions into Macedonia. To destroy them we would place ourselves not only by the side of Turkey, but by the side of any one if so doing enabled us to defend our interests. It is our duty to defend the Greek population from the attacks of the Bulgarians, for which purpose it is necessary to strengthen by all possible means the Turkish authorities, with whom we happen to have a common enemy.

“We certainly shall not take into account those opposing our co-operation with Turkey for commercial reasons, but shall follow the policy we have always marked out.”

The attitude of Greece in endeavoring to aid Turkey against the Macedonian revolutionists has recently been very harshly condemned by French and English papers. The London Times, in an editorial on Aug. 19, referred to the fact that on Aug. 16 the Greek Metropolitan had left Monastir for Constantinople, adding:

“The Hellenic Government have done their best to give Abdul Hamid practical help of real value by instructing their Consuls in Macedonia to advise the Greek inhabitants of the province to denounce refugee Bulgarian insurgents to the Turkish authorities, and the Oecumenical Patriarch himself is busy pouring complaints into the willing ears of the Porte of the outrages which the komitajis perpetrate upon Greek peasants.”

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