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PRIME MINISTER IN ATHENS

Athens has another surprise visit from Mr. Churchill. He broke his journey home from the Crimea Conference to address a wildly enthusiastic crowd - estimated at forty to sixty thousand - assembled in Constitution Square.

With Archbishop Damaskinos and British military leaders beside him, the P.M. must have reflected on Athens as he sees it here by contrast with its recent past. For Greece, Mr. Churchill said, - "These are days when the dawn is bright: when the darkness rolls away."

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