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ATHENS: ROYAL WEDDING.

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The glory that was ancient Greece; the glory that is Greece today; the Evzones, in traditional uniform, seem to link the two. And on the sun-bathed royal Palace centred the thoughts of all Greeks, as Princess Sophia entered the gilt carriage which was to take her in start to the wedding ceremonies. Her father, King Paul of the Hellenes, rode with his lovely, vivacious daughter; for on this golden day Princess Sophia was to become the bride of Don Juan Carlos of Spain.

Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were among the 140 members of royal houses who came to Athens for the wedding. For the Bride's mother, Queen Frederica, this was a wonderful day, such as ancient Greece, at the cradle of Western Civilisation, would have rejoiced to behold. At the Greek Cathedral, after the Catholic ceremony, came the ceremony according to the rites of the Orthodox Greek Church in whose faith the bride was brought up. As the wife of Juan Carlos she will be accepted into the Church of Rome.

Symbolizing that this was a royal marriage, King Paul performed the ritual of the two crowns; and as the bridegroom is the son of the Pretender to the Spanish throne, Juan Carlos and his bride may one day reign in Madrid.

Petals were strewn upon them as they came down the aisle, man and wife.

Eight bridesmaids, among them Princess Alexandra, helped with the magnificent train, 35 feet in length. Matrimony has united two royal houses and joined together two happy people, deeply in love.