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With the picturesque Mediterranean bay for a background --- ~~was~~ crowds of citizens and visitors waited outside the Palace in Monaco. And, inside, the privileged ones handed their gifts ^{to} the ruler of this tiny Principality, and his lovely film-star bride, Grace Kelly. A complimentary poem ^{was} read by a little French girl, ~~was~~ ~~followed by a presentation of flowers.~~ The presents ranged from a Rolls Royce ~~presented~~ given by the people of Monaco --- to ~~white~~ ~~dove.~~

~~Then~~ It was the evening of the gala --- with fireworks and dancing in the cool night air of this famous European playground of the rich and the illustrious. Lights twinkled on ^{fabulous} ~~the~~ yachts riding at anchor in the Bay of Hercules; if ever there was a bejewelled setting for a royal romance --- this was it.

On the wedding day --- at the Cathedral of St Nicolas in Monaco --- the bride walked up the aisle on the arm of her father, Mr John Kelly, --- observing the tradition of arriving before the bridegroom. She wore a magnificent, embroidered gown of lace, silk, tulle and taffeta.

Then followed the bridesmaids --- ~~in their dresses of printed~~ ~~organdie~~ --- in their dresses of printed organdie --- to wait for ~~the arrival of~~ the groom.

Punctually on time --- Prince Rainier III ^{arrived} ~~came down the~~ aisle. He was wearing a new uniform --- which he himself had designed --- with a sword, and the sash of the ~~Order of St~~ ~~Charles~~ Charles.

The bridegroom directed only one brief glance towards his bride, as he took his place beside her; ~~and~~ the religious ceremony of the Roman Catholic Church --- following the civil ceremony which had been held at the Palace on the day before --- began.

Now --- bride and bridegroom exchanged rings; the wedding rings which had just been blessed.

Then followed the nuptial Mass. The service was conducted by Mgr. Barthé, the Bishop of Monaco.

~~Mgr. M. Kelly, the representative of the Pope, also in attendance. The bride is the daughter of Prince Rainier III.~~

As the service ended, bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral; Prince Rainier III of Monaco --- and Princess Grace

~~themselves who followed them in a motorcade. Princess Charlotte, the bride's godmother, and Mrs. Jean Kelly, ---~~

As they walked down the steps of the Cathedral, there was a guard of honour formed by sailors of the American fleet.

And they entered their car before another naval guard of honour --- from the Royal Navy's ship Dalrymple

All brides in Monaco must observe the one old tradition, immediately on leaving the church; and so Princess Grace drove first to the little chapel of St Devote --- to place her wedding-day ~~her~~ spray of flowers, upon the altar.

Then the drive continued --- back to the Palace

And at the end of the day --- as the cheers of well-wishers ~~echoed faintly from the receding coast of blue --- bride and bridegroom sailed away for their honeymoon aboard the Prince's yacht.~~
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 A romantic climax --- to one of the most colourful weddings of the many a year.

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