

The liner Constitution became the world's most famous ship when it was bringing Grace Kelly ^{TO EUROPE;} ~~from Hollywood;~~ the lovely and talented film star who was to be the bride of Prince Rainier of Monaco. Deck games with her nieces Margaret and Mary Lee --- members of the big family party sailing with her --- and exercise with one of her two dogs --- were ordinary shipboard relaxations during a voyage that, in other respects, was anything but ordinary. For this was the last chapter but one, of a romance that would be any girl's most treasured dream. A message from the Prince was a prelude to the liner's arrival at the Bay of Hercules --- off the glittering coast of fabulous Monte Carlo.

From the harbour, Prince Rainier sailed to meet his bride-to-be in his private yacht, the Deo Juventa II.

First official welcome was said with a gift of flowers from the Mayor of Cannes, ^{followed by} ~~and~~ handshakes with the local dignitaries.

And this was Grace Kelly's ^{BIG} welcome, to the little Principality of which she was soon to become Princess.

Coming ashore --- there was a picturesque greeting with flowers, from children in Monegasque costume.

Then --- a regal wave to the crowd ^{before} ~~as~~ she entered the car for the drive through the ~~crowded~~ packed streets to the Palace.

This was the fairy-tale setting as Grace Kelly drove into the Palace that will be her home; ^{to the echoing,} good luck cheers, for the lovely ~~girl~~ ~~girl~~ girl for whom two wishes were granted; first, to be a famous film-star; and then --- a Prince's bride.