

1908: Six months in Smyrna of the Young Turks

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Greeks - July 20th / August 2nd 1908

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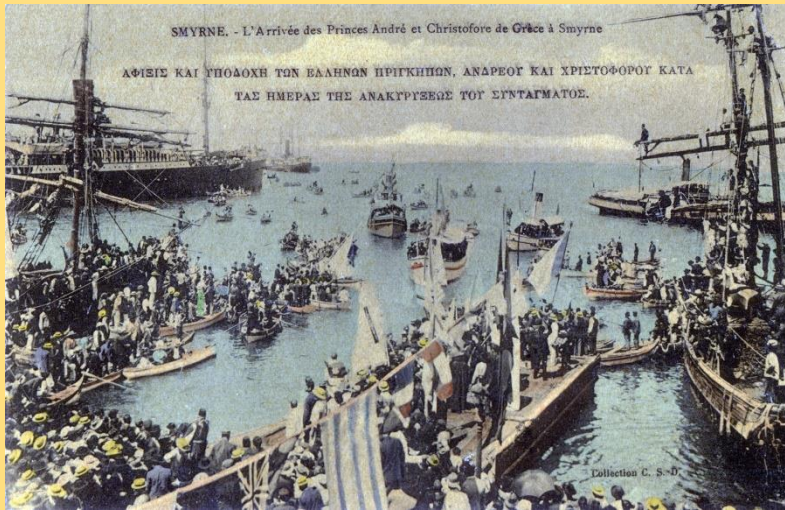


Greeks - July 20th



Armenians - July 21st

Notables visiting Smyrna



Prince
Sabahaddin



Dr. Nazim



Prince Andrew of Greece



Armenian
Patriarch



Enver bey

Amnesty for political prisoners



Political prisoners confined in a cell by insurgent criminal detainees



Prisoners being released by the CUP



The famous brigand Tchakidji Mehmet efe

Abolishment of spying on citizens



Military degradation of an informer in Konak square

End of censorship

New newspapers and magazines in Smyrna

Greek (21)

Alithia, Anexartisia, Chios, Efimeris ton Kyrion, Emporiki Epitheorisis, Ermis, Kardas, Klio, Kopanos, Kosmos, Leventis, Mantis, Mathitis, Nea, Oikonomikos Angeliaforos, Palingenesia, Sfyri, Smyrnios, Syntagma, Tharros, Velos

Armenian (4)

Artsakank, Mimos, Munedik, Sagmatatragin

Turkish (14)

Akşam, Anadolu, Endep, Engin, Gurbet, İstikbal, İttihat, Köylü, Manga, Mektepi Senayi, Mizani Hukuk, Sedat, Vivay Osmaniye, Zazarm

Jewish (3)

Elmalozo, La Buena Esperanza, Soydari

Italian - French (2)

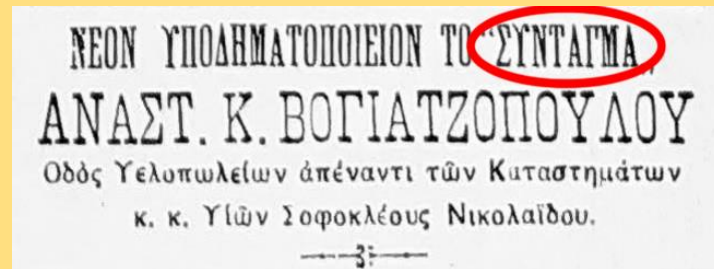
Il Futuro, La Revue d'Orient

425 new newspapers in 3 months in the Ottoman Empire

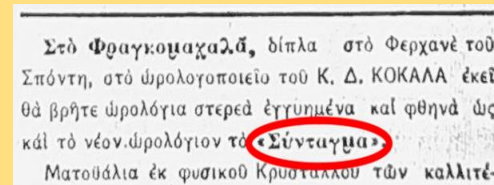
Renaming of cafés, hotels, shops etc.



Café & Hotel de la Constitution



Shoe shop “Constitution”



Pocket watch
“Constitution”



Hotel La Patrie

Strikes, strikes, strikes

Professions on strike

Aïdin railway workers, Bakery kneaders, Barbershop employees, Boatmen, Candle makers, Coal loaders, Dock workers, Fig packers, Fishmongers, Ironing shop employees, Local steamboat employees, Machine shop workers, Plasterers, Porters, Seamstresses, Shoe makers, Stone masons, Tobacco workers, Tramway employees, Wooden box makers

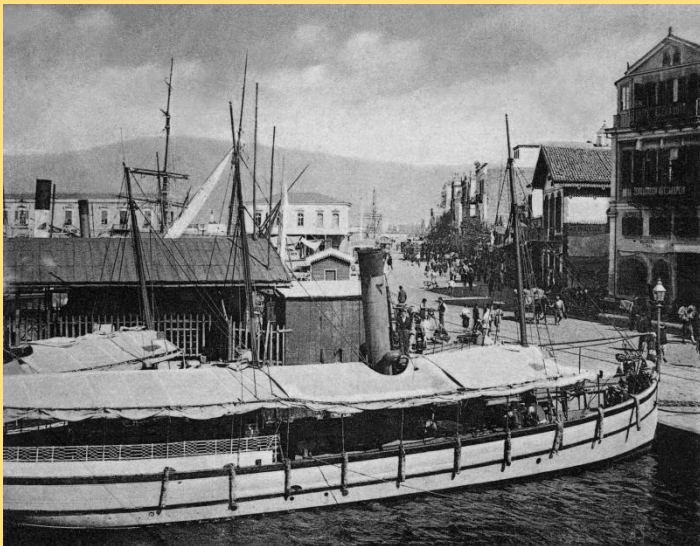


The Aïdin railway strike

- Lasted from August 18th to September 23rd
- Considerable losses for dried fig and raisin trade
- 3 people killed before successful conclusion

The sinking of the “Stamboul”

On September 17th 1908, the small steamboat “Stamboul”, bound for Cordelio, collided with the large steamer “Cassandra” and sank within 4 minutes



A small boat like the “Stamboul” at the Hamidiye pier

63 people drowned:
35 Greeks, 18 Armenians, 4 Turks and 5 Levantines & foreigners



A hearse waiting to carry off the dead



Boats searching for bodies while the Hamidiye pier is burning

Boycotts and the “Fez War”



Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria
tear up the Ottoman Empire

Boycott of Bulgarian
cheese and woolen
fabrics, and of Austrian
sugar, paper,
glassware,
matches, fezzes
etc.

Fezes discarded
and trampled
upon on
November 24th



Austrian
fez maker
trademark

Revolutionary morality - Increased crime rate

In Skopje:

Execution of an Albanian who kissed a Christian girl without her consent

In Smyrna:

- Measures against corruption and bribery
- Closing of gambling casinos
- Removal of brothels to the outskirts of the city
- Establishment of a society against alcohol consumption
- Hashish dens not closed!

July 10th – December 27th

- 5 swindles
- 18 thefts
- 41 burglaries
- 27 robberies
- 3 abductions
- 42 woundings
- 15 killings

Most burglaries, robberies and woundings occurred after the departure of Chief of Police at November 4th

Elections held in 2 rounds

1st round

- Ottoman subjects over 25 eligible to vote for electors
- Voters should not have any previous convictions and be paying some kind of tax
- For every 500 male subjects in each district, one elector would be elected

2nd round

- The electors from the 1st round would elect the deputies
- Parliamentary candidates should be over 30 years old
- In each sanjak, one deputy would be elected for every 50.000 males

Smyrna sanjak: 6 deputies - Aïdin vilayet: 17 deputies

Agreement

In the Smyrna sanjak, the Greek community and the CUP would together support 2 Muslim and 2 Greek candidates. For the remaining 2 candidates, the Greeks would support 2 more Greeks, and the CUP one Jew and one Armenian

Election irregularities

1st round

Electoral districts were defined in such a way to assure that as many Muslim electors as possible would be elected.

Example:

Seydiköy district

2.787 voters => 6 electors

1.681 Greek & 1.106 Muslims would elect 6 Greek electors.

District split into 6 sub-districts

Seydiköy town -> 2 Greek electors
5 village districts defined so as to have marginal Muslim majorities, to elect 5 Muslim electors.

2nd round

CUP electors in Smyrna city didn't vote for Pavlos Karolidis, the 2nd Greek candidate, violating the agreement. Instead, they voted for a 3rd Turk.

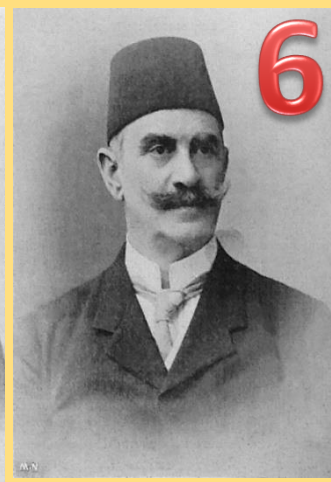
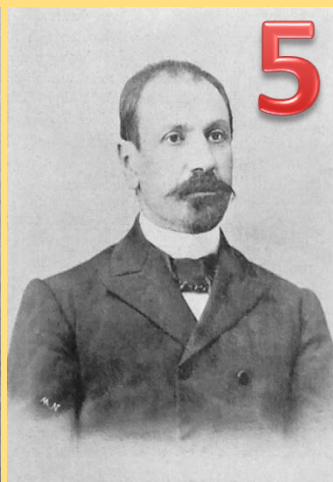
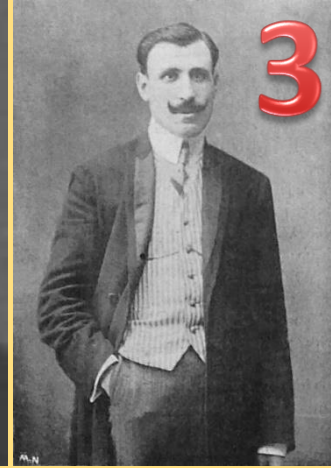
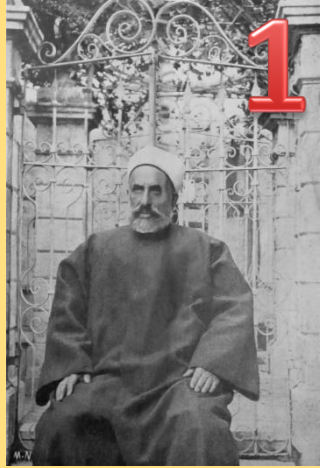
After a furious demonstration, CUP ordered Bergama electors to vote for Karolidis, so that he was finally elected, leaving out the Armenian candidate Stepan Spartali.

Due to Armenian protests, Ethem bey, the 3rd Turk, was persuaded to resign and the Armenian took his place.

Smyrna sanjak election results

KAZA	Electors	Mufti Sait	Sait bey	Georgan- djoglou	Ethem bey	Mazlia	Karolidis	Spartali
Smyrna	112	102	99	109	75	73	40	70
Bayındır	14	14	14	12	13	11	8	8
Bergama	32	32	31	10	22	23	31	11
Çeşme	18	18	18	18		1	18	2
Karaburun	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kuşadası	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Menemen	13	13	13	13	13		13	
Nif	11	11	11	8	11	11	3	11
Ödemiş	33	33	32	14	27	22	5	16
Phocaea	9	9	9	9			9	5
Seferihisar	4	4	4	4	4	4		4
Tire	23	23	23	18	19	22	4	16
Vourla	19	19	19	19		2	19	2
TOTAL	304	294	289	250	200	185	166	149

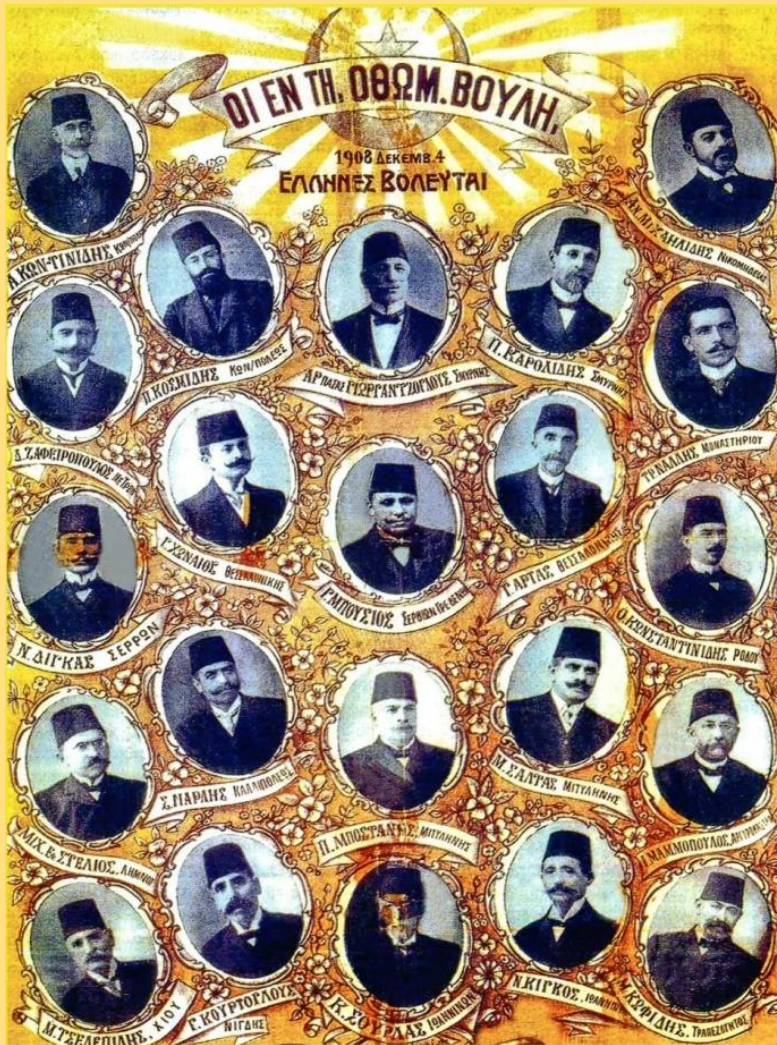
The Smyrna deputies



1. Mufti Sait efendi
2. Taşlı Sait bey
3. Nisim Mazlia
4. Georgandjoglou paşa
5. Pavlos Karolidis
6. Stepan Spartali

- 2 Turks
- 2 Greeks
- 1 Jew
- 1 Armenian

24 Greeks in the Ottoman Parliament



- Argyrokaastro I. Mammopoulos
- Ayvalık K. Savvopoulos
- Çatalca D. Zafiropoulos
- Chios M. Tselebidis
- Constantinople P. Kosmidis & K. Konstantinidis
- Gelibolu S. Narlis
- Ioannina D. Kigos & K. Sourlas
- İzmit A. Michaïlidis
- Limnos M. Stelios
- Lesbos P. Bostanis & M. Saltas
- Niğde G. Kourtoglou
- Monastiri (Bitola) T. Nalis
- Rhodos Th. Konstantinidis
- Serres D. Digas
- Servia (Kozani) G. Bousios & K. Drizis
- **Smyrna** **A. Georgandjoglou & P. Karolidis**
- Thessaloniki G. Artas & G. Choneos
- Trebizond M. Kofidis

Proportional and elected deputies according to various deputy estimations

Ethnicity	Male population 1906 – 1907	272-275 deputies		288 deputies	
		1 for every 40.000		1 for every 38.000	
		Proportional	Elected	Proportional	Elected
Muslims	8.279.736	207	227	217	234
Greeks	1.495.454	37	23	39	26
Armenians	595.517	15	12	15	14
Slavs	418.017	10	5-8	11	10
Jews	137.169	3	5	3	4
Others	102.588	3	-	3	-
TOTAL	11.028.481	272-275		288	

Muslims (Turks, Arabs, Kurds, Albanians etc.) **over-represented**
 Greeks **under-represented**

A first sign of discriminations that would soon follow



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