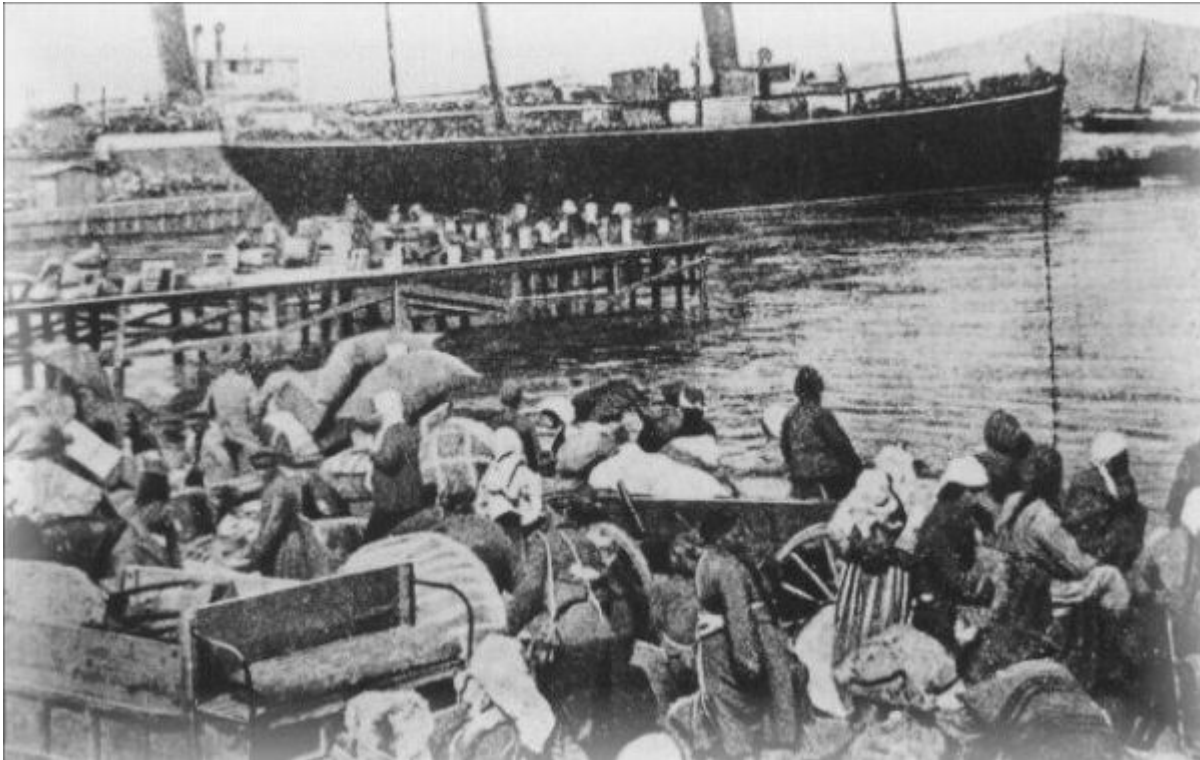


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Smyrna (İzmir)

Smyrna was the wealthiest of Ottoman cities, located on Turkey's Aegean coast, it embodied that empire's best qualities of cosmopolitanism and religious tolerance. The city was known as the 'Pearl of the Orient'.

Smyrna had some of the most luxurious department stores, cinemas, opera houses in the world. While Greeks (320,000) predominated, the city also housed sizeable Armenian (10,000), Jewish, Turkish (140,000), European and American populations. Smyrna was a place where those people lived in peace.

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