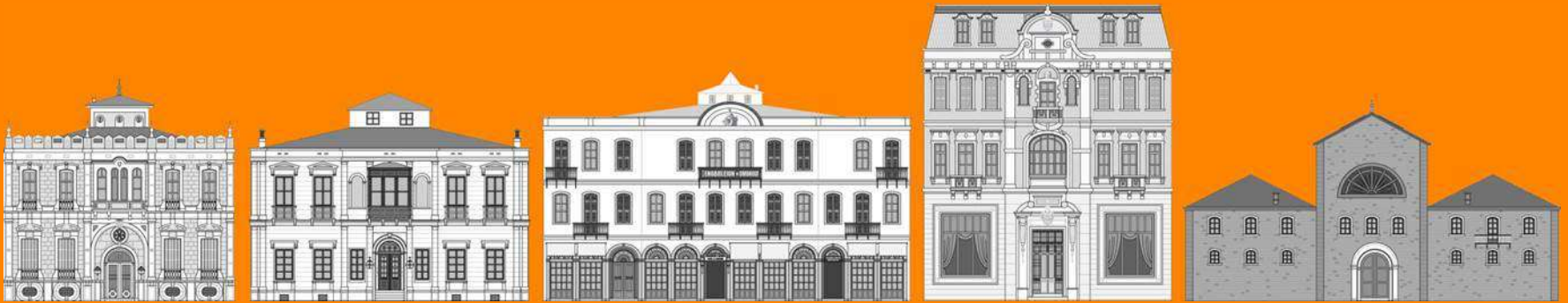


Armenians at the Quay of Smyrna



Based on the book “The Smyrna Quay”
by G. Poulimenos & A. Chatziconstantinou

Quay cadastral maps

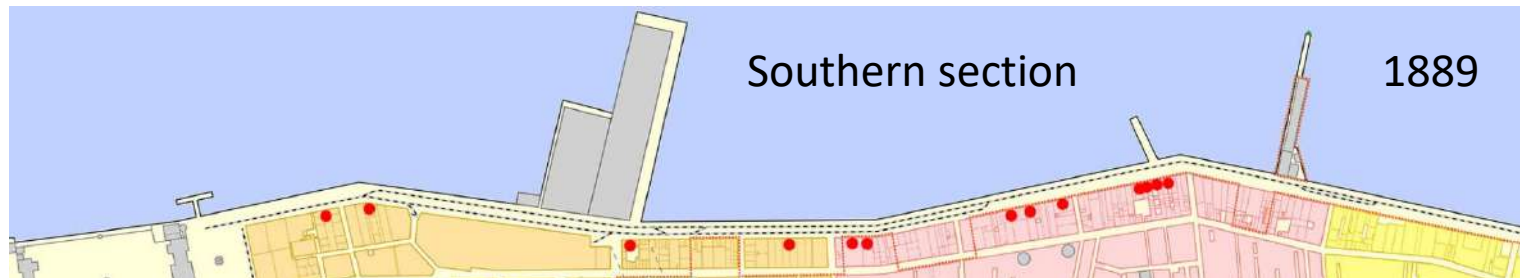
1889



1914



Armenian properties at the Quay



Barry



Barry family

- Armeno-catholics, originally from Persia
- Owners of a “Frenkhane” in Frank quarter
- P. Barry: member of the International Chamber of Commerce (1879)
- Barry Brothers: dried figs, raisins and acorn exporters, also insurance and shipping companies agents

Hamparzoumian



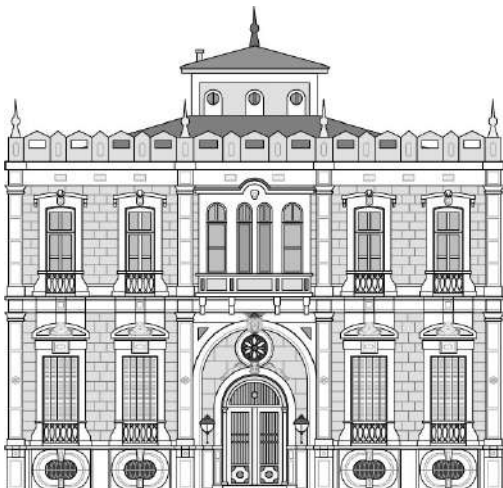
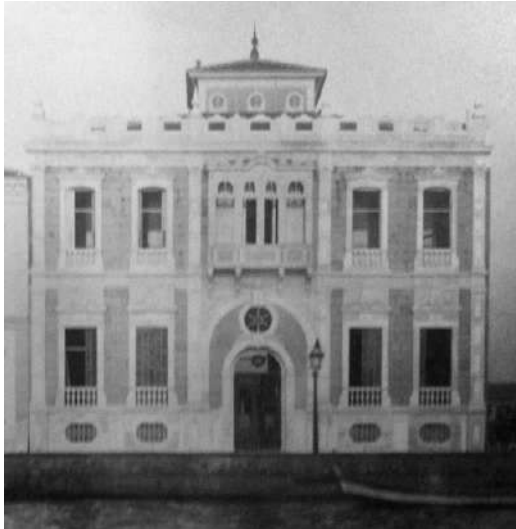
Aram Hamparzoumian

- “King of Figs” – One of the largest exporters of dried figs, raisins and tobacco
- Other members of the family (Agop, Serkis, Karabet) active as merchants of cotton and silk fabrics and threads



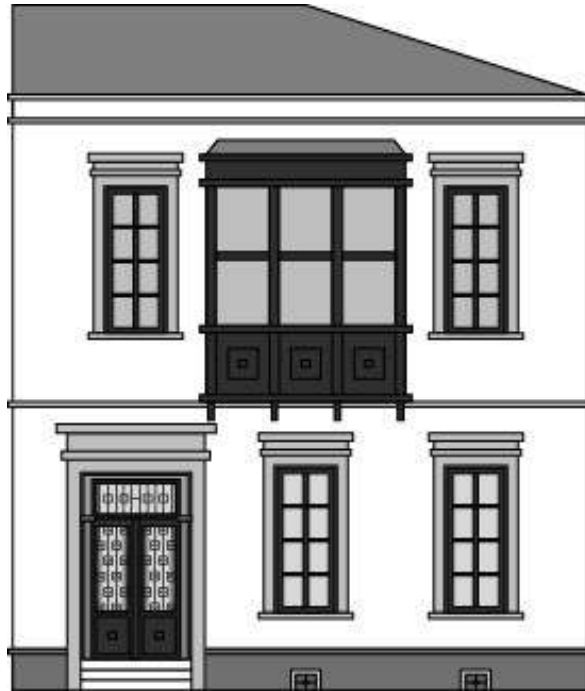
Spartali

Agop & Hovhannes Spartali



- Carpet manufacturers and merchants, originally cloth dealers
- Spartali & Co. established in 1842
- More than 1.000 looms in Sivas area
- Branches in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Marseille
- Benefactors of the Armenian community:
Surp Mesrop boys school, Surp Krikor Lusavoric church at Armenian hospital
- Agop: member of Ottoman parliament (1877) and holder of an Ottoman honorary medal
- The mansion, which had 42 rooms, was used briefly as US consulate after 1922 fire

Narik



Narik family

- Armeno-catholics, originally from Nakhchivan
- Edmond and other members of the family: bankers
- Sylvain Pierre: broker
- Nicolas & Belisaire: doctors
- Hilarrion & Seraphin: jewellers
- Italian nationality, family stayed in Izmir after 1922

Spartali



Takvor A. Spartali

- Carpet merchant, founding member of Oriental Carpet Manufacturers (O.C.M.)
- Son of Agop Spartali
- Mansion currently used as Atatürk Museum



Stepan Spartali

- Member of Ottoman Parliament (1908)



Abro(yan)



Kirkor Abro

- Armeno-catholics, originally from Ani, later Erzerum
- Family branches in many European cities, Egypt and India
- Armenian community benefactors
- **Kirkor**: merchant
Other family members:
senior administrative officers, dragomans

Margossian



C.M. Margossian

- Chief engineer of the Smyrna villayet
- Graduate of the Street & Bridge Construction School in Paris
- Designed the new sewer system of Smyrna (1868)
- Planned the diversion of the river Hermus (Gediz) estuary to avoid the silting up of the Gulf of Smyrna (1873)
- Other members of the family:
Avram Margossian, later also engineer of the villayet &
Stepan Margossian, merchant

Baliozian & Essayan complex



- The largest residential complex at the Quay
- Consisted of 4 similar buildings
- Rented as apartments
- Belonged to an Armenian partnership (details further on)



Essayan



Lucas & Essaï Essayan

- Owners of these 2 hotels at the harbor, along with many other properties on the residential and commercial sections of the Quay
- Presidents of the Smyrna Chamber of Commerce and of Hamidiye, the company that operated the small steamboats in the Gulf of Smyrna
- Shipping agents
- Exporters of cotton and opium
- Managed to smuggle a large quantity of opium out of Smyrna harbor after the 1922 fire



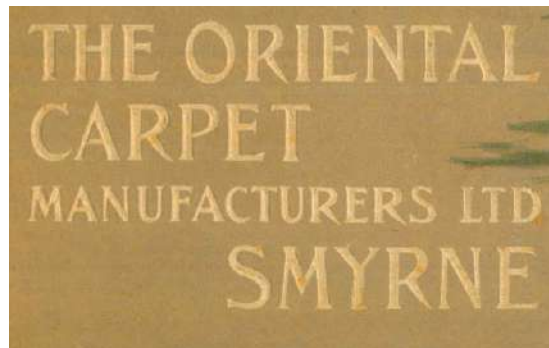
Arapian



Karabet Arapian

- Rich merchant, owner of this hotel-warehouse complex at the harbor and of the Arapian Han (inn) on the next block to the south
- Arapian Tcharshi (market) further south named after him
- Founder of the first Bourse - the Cereals Bourse - housed in this building
- Chamber of Commerce president (1900)

Oriental Carpet Manufacturers



O.C.M.

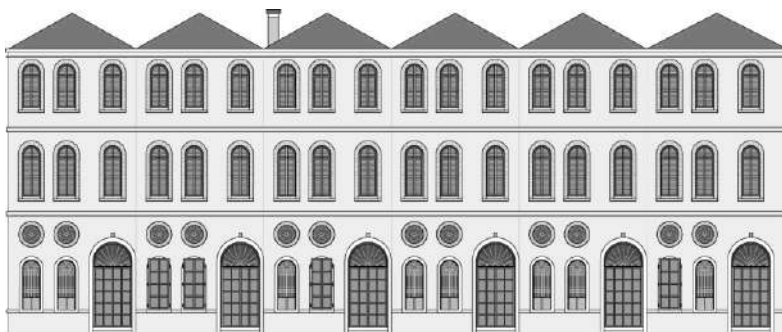
- Founded in 1907 by the 4 largest carpet companies of Smyrna
- Company offices and warehouse building owned by **Takvor A. Spartali**
- Looms in 27 cities of Asia Minor
- Expanded into Persia and India
- Controlled 90 % of carpet exports

Baliozian / Baliozoglou



Baliozian family

- Originally from Persia (Isfahan), later Kayseri
- Rich merchants, trading mainly in iron
- Owners of many properties on the Quay, including this warehouse, the largest in the harbor
- Large tracts of land near Manisa belonged to them



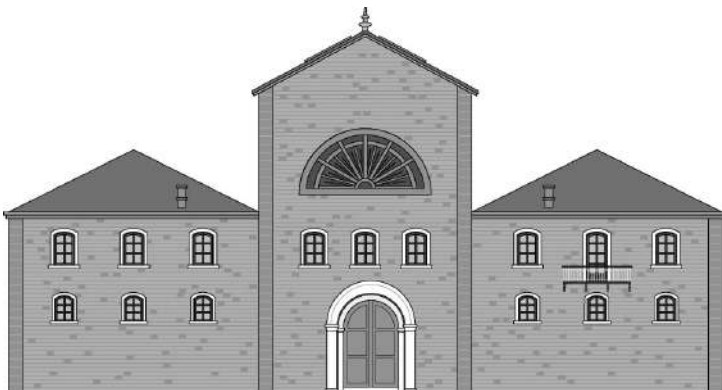
- **Mateos Baliozian:** Chamber of Commerce president, involved in Ottoman and municipal politics
- Murdered in 1902 by Dashnaktsutun organization

Maxoudian

Melcon Agop Maxoudian



- Cotton exporter to England, fabrics importer
- Contributed to the building of Surp Yerrortutyun church in Manchester
- Acquired British nationality
- 30 Armenian trading houses in Manchester in the year 1861
- Max Agop Maxoudian: French actor born in Smyrna



Bakirdjian

Zacaria, Bedros & Nazareth Bakirdjian

- Like Maxoudian, cotton exporters and fabrics importers



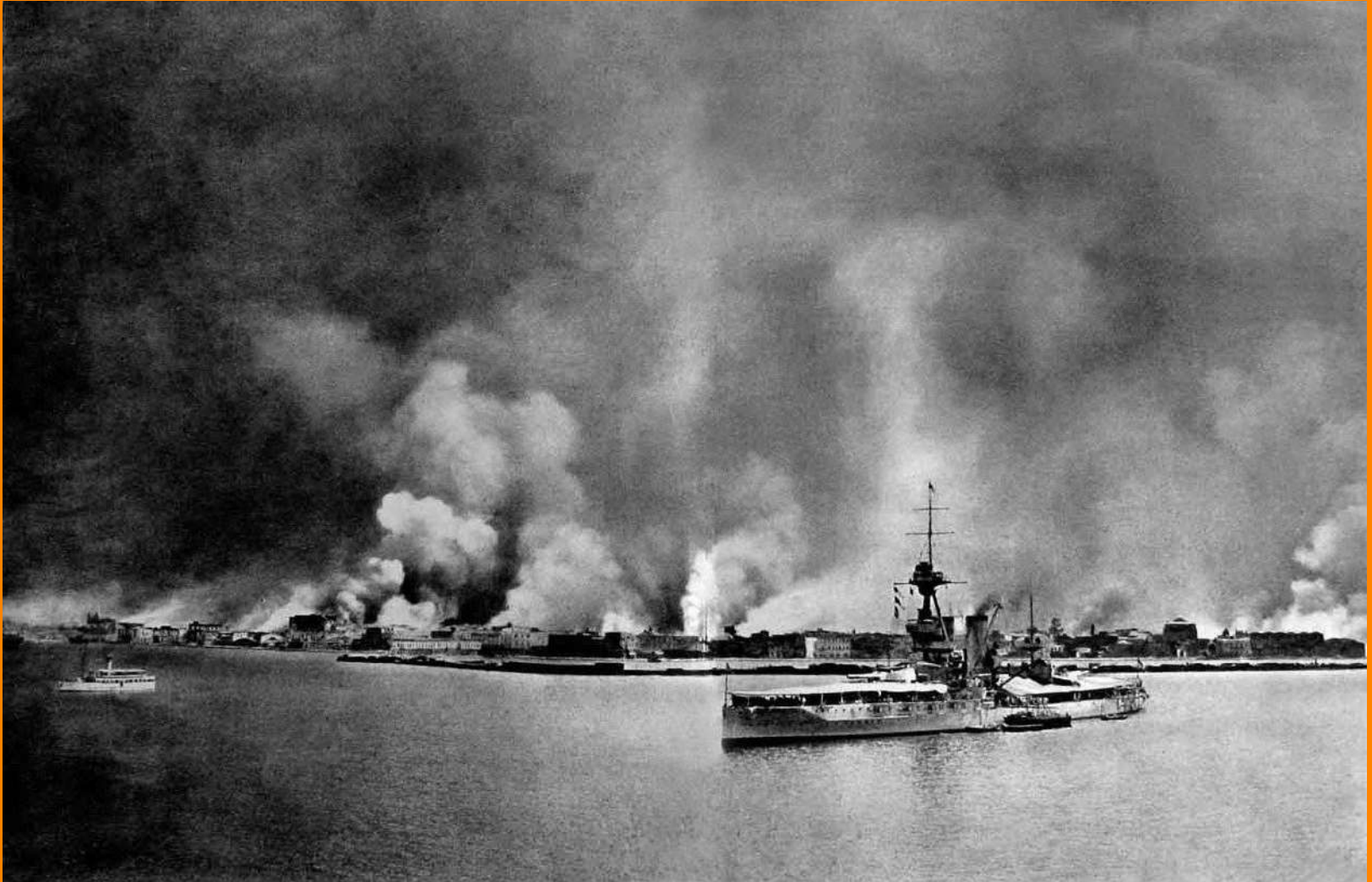
- Company branches in Smyrna, Constantinople, Cairo etc.
- Family later also owned 2 houses at the residential section of the Quay



Armenian presidents of the Chamber of Commerce

1885	Hacı Suleyman Efendi	1901–5	Hadji-Daout Farkouh
1886–88	Mateos Baliozian	1909	Agop Baloukdjian
1888	Essaï Essayan	1911	Mesrop Simonian
1892–96	Kostaki-efendi	1912	Hadji-Daout Farkouh
1898	Miralay Zade Lutfi Bey	1914	Alayalı Zade Mahmut Bey
1900	Karabet Arapian	1919–22	Mesrop Simonian

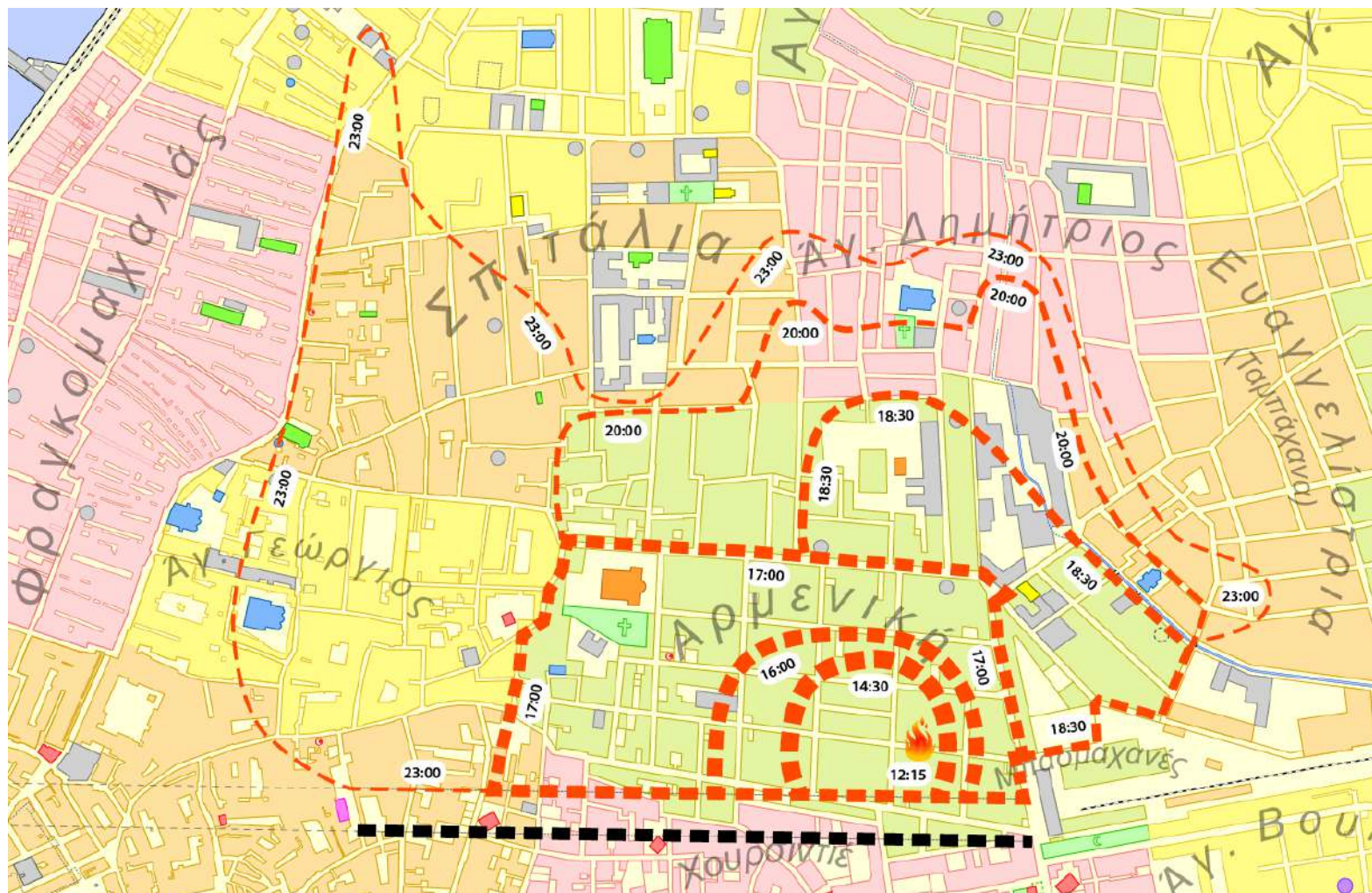
The Great Fire



Armenian quarter (1893)



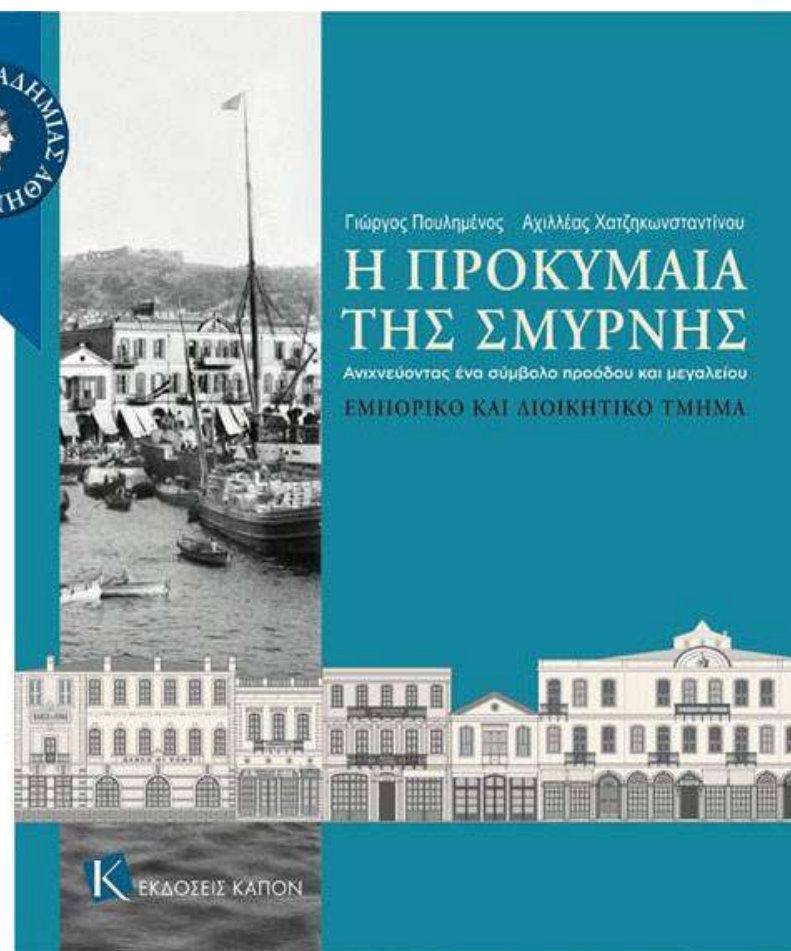
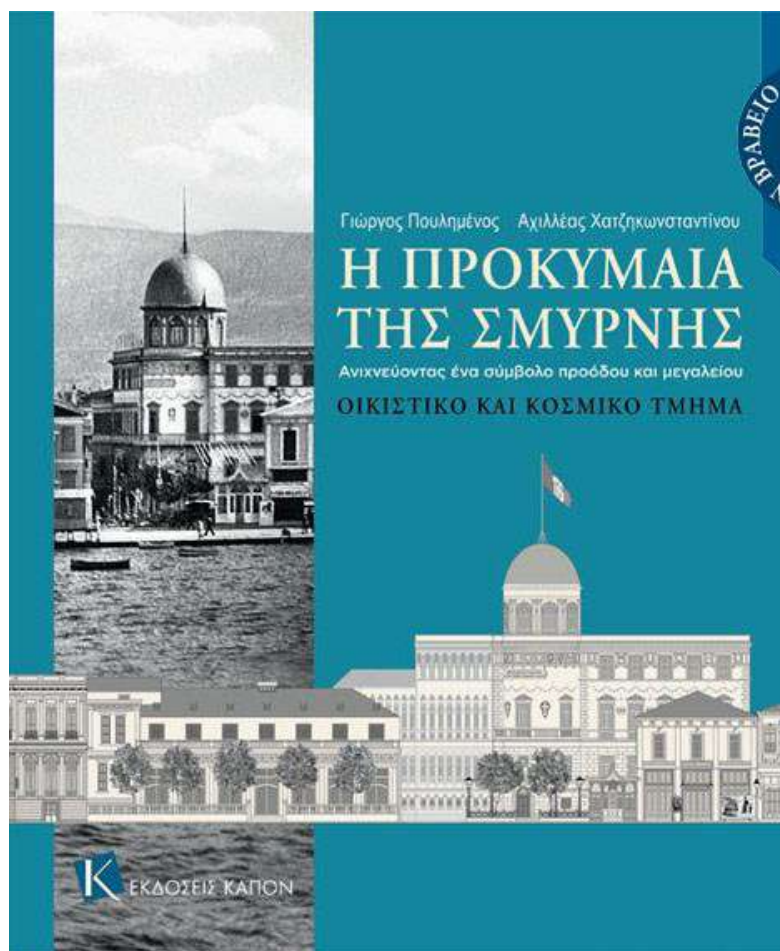
13.9.1922 Fire



Armenian quarter after the fire



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