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## part 750, Smyrna Jews, (ix), The May 15, 1919, occupation of Smyrna

**The Great Idea.** At the Paris Peace Conference in early 1919, Greek Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos (*pictured*) lobbied hard for an expanded Hellas (The Great Idea) that would include large Greek communities in Asia Minor. The western Allies, particularly British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, had promised Greece territorial gains at the expense of the Ottoman Empire if Greece entered the war on the side of the Allies.

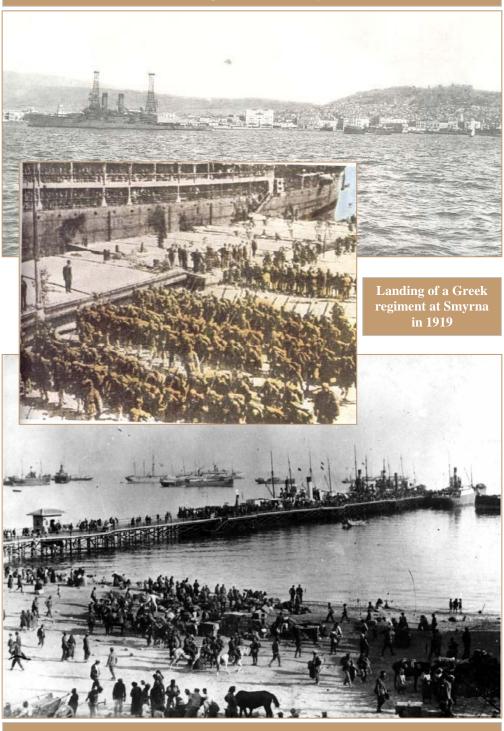


The territories claimed by Greek Prime Minister Venizelos at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 included the cities of Smyrna and Constantinople.

Here is #2491–Doc 1, the first part of the Wikipedia article on the Greco-Turkish War of 1919-1922. The article is somewhat lengthy, but necessary and excellent, summarizing the background of the May 15, 1919, occupation of Smyrna by the Greeks.

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## Anchored Greek battleship "Lemnos" in Smyrna's harbor in 1919



Landing of Greek soldiers in the harbor of Smyrna, 1920

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