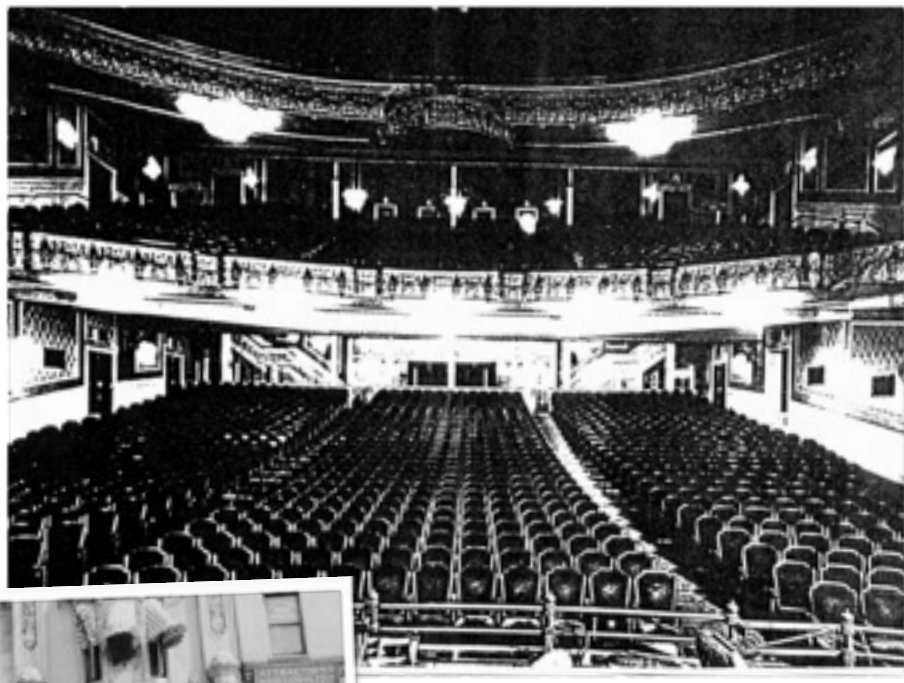


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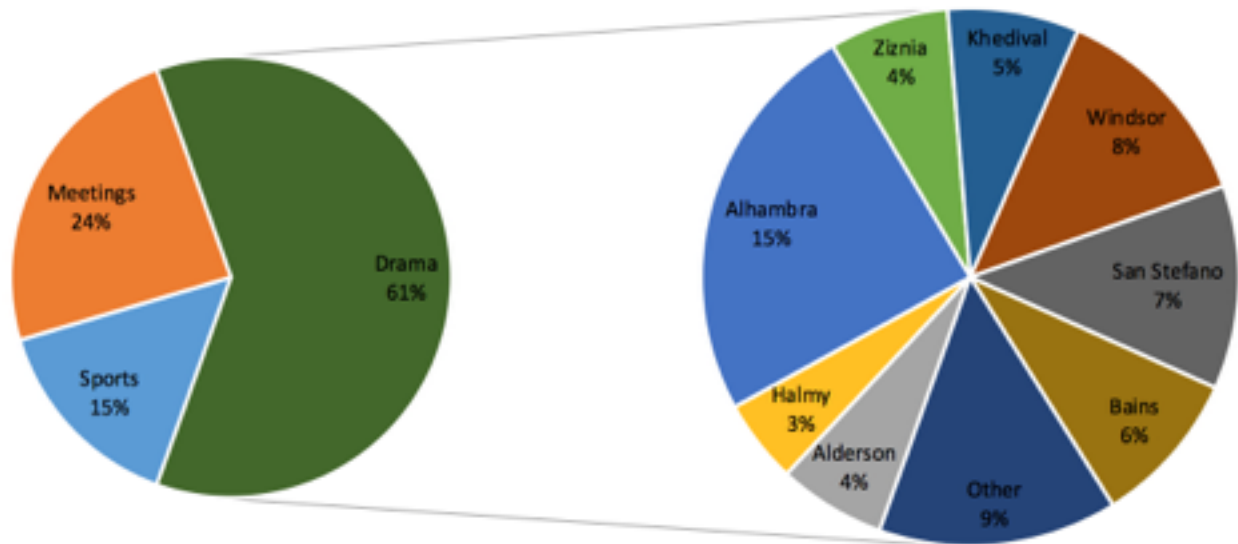
Weekend activities of the everyday
Egyptian in 1905



A complete year in editions of the Egyptian Gazette newspaper provides a wealth of information on the city of Alexandria in 1905. A great deal of this information focuses on the financial, economic, and local business aspects of Alexandria. While I could have chosen a general and factual approach to this information for my analysis, my focus went straight toward the specific methods of entertainment for the people of Egypt during this time period. I believe that looking specifically at what citizens did to occupy their time provides a great historical insight into the lives of everyday people.

My method of collecting this information started with keyword searches on the entire collection of news for 1905. While this led to a vast overview of what people were interested in, it provided no good means of collecting and comparing data. I discovered the primary means of entertainment were from sports and drama performances such as plays, orchestras, comedy, and dance. I then decided to collect data from the "Calendar of Coming Events" section. To do this, I queried the database in hopes of recording the weekly events for every Friday edition of the newspaper. I had trouble collecting good data from the query due to weak tagging of the database along with the fact that the "Calendar of Coming Events" section is often on different pages. In order to collect good data, I recorded the events for every Friday and Saturday using the page images from github. The dated events are listed at the end. Next, I sorted and analyzed the data. The following charts describe the common entertainment methods of Alexandrians in 1905, and will draw conclusions from this data. Realize that this data does not reflect attendance, it relies solely on the number of events listed for weekends throughout the year.

Weekend Entertainment Options



This chart shows that drama and performance is the clear winner for number of entertainment events on the weekends. The pie graph on the right is an extraction of the drama category that sorts events by venue. Drama includes orchestras, recitals, "variety entertainment," concerts, dances, and comedy routines. Meetings include Masonic Lodge meetings, rifle practices, "Skye Meeting," swim club practices, among others. The breakdown by sport is 62% football and 29% cricket. Again, it is also important to consider the attendance of events rather than the number of events listed to draw conclusions on favorite entertainment options. From this data we can also create distinctions between weekly events and special events, the seasonal rise and fall of theatre venues, and what nights people prefer drama to sports or sports to drama.

Fri Jan 6
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
Sat Jan 7
ground - Football game at Murphos parade-
Fri Jan 13
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Halmy Theatre Play
- Alhambra Theatre Play
Sat Jan 14
- Football game
- Ziznia theater play
- Leslie Recital at Khedival Hotel
Fri Jan 20
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Masonic Hall chapter
- production at Halmy theatre
Sat Jan 21
- Concert at Monferato Hall
- Comedy play at Ziznia theatre
Fri Jan 27
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Emergency chapter at Masonic Hall
- Production at Halmy Theatre
Theater - Ballet production at Alhambra
Sat Jan 28
- Comedy show at Ziznia theatre
- Charity Ball at New Khedival Hotel

Fri Feb 3
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety

- Football game
Theatre Benefit performance at Ziznia
Sat Feb 4
- Cricket match
- Football game
- Concert at New Khedival Hotel
- Concert at Halmy Theatre

Fri Feb 10
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Football game
- Performance at Ziznia Theatre
Sat Feb 11
- Football Game
- Opera at Halmy Theatre
- Ball at Eden Theater

Fri Feb 17
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Recital at New Khedival Hotel
- Comedy at Ziznia Theatre
Sat Feb 18
- Football Game
- Ball at Monferato's Hall
- Opera at Halmy Theatre
- Performance at Ziznia Theatre

Fri March 3
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- Opera at Halmy Theatre
- Entertainment at Alhambra Theatre
Sat March 4
- Shooting Competition
- Football Game

Fri March 10
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
- CONcert at New Khedival Hotel
- Entertainment at Alhambra Hotel
Sat March 11
- Rugby match
- Football Game
- Production at Ziznia Theatre
- Recital at Monferato Theatre

Fri april 7
- Alhambra theatre play
Sat April 8
- Rifle practice
entertainment - Alderson's Garden, variety
Fri april 28
- Entertainment at Alhambra Theatre
Sat april 29
- Cricket match
- Rifle practice
- Khedival Club Meeting

Fri May 5
- Opera at Alhambra Theatre
Sat May 6
- Party at Khedival Theatre
- Cricket Match
- Rifle Club Practice
Fri May 12
- Opera at Alhambra Theatre
Sat May 13
Cemetery - Celebration of Mohamed aly

- Rifle Practice
- Children's ball at Alhambra Theatre
Fri May 26
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Khedival Club Meeting
- Opera at Alhambra Theatre
Sat May 27
- Rifle practice
- Swimming Club Meeting

Fri June 2
- Orchestra at Windsor hotel
- Opera at Alhambra Hotel
Sat June 3
- Horse Show
- Cricket Match
- Rifle practice
- Swimming Club meeting
- Dance at San Stefano Casino
Fri June 9
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Opera at Alhambra Hotel
- Pyramids Theatre
- Concert at Khedival Theatre
- Swimming Club Meeting
Sat Jun 10
- Cricket Match
- Rifle practice
- Swimming club meeting
- Performance at Ibrahimieh Casino
- Dance at San Stefano Casino
Fri June 23
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Opera at Alhambra Theatre

- Pyramids Theatre

Sat June 24

- Cricket Match

- Rifle practice

- Swimming Club meeting

- Event at San Stefano Casino

Fri June 30

- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Opera at Alhambra Theater

Sat July 1

- Football Game

- Swimming Club Meeting

- Dance at San Stefano Casino

- Performance at Mex Casino

Fri July 7

- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Opera at Alhambra Theatre

- Comedy at Eden Theatre

Sat July 8

- Cricket Match

- Swimming Club Meeting

- Rifle practice

- Dance at San Stefano Casino

Fri July 14

- Football Game

- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Opera at Alhambra Theater

- Comedy at Eden Theatre

- Celebration at Alhambra Theatre

Sat July 15

- Skye Meeting

- Rifle practice

- Swimming club meeting

- Dance at Beau Rivage Hotel

- Reunion at Khedival Palace Casino

- Dance at San Stefano Casino

Fri July 28

- Cricket Match

- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Comedy at Alhambra Theater

Sat July 29

- Swimming Club Practice

- Night show at Alhambra Theatre

- Dance at San Stefano Casino

Fri Aug 4

- Orchestra at Windsor hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Concert at San Stefano Casino

Sat Aug 5

- Cricket Match

- Swimming Club Practice

- Performance at San Stefano Casino

Fri Aug 11

- Concert at San Stefano Casino

- Orchestra at Windsor hotel

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains

- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Aug 12

- Rifle practice
- Football Game
- Swimming Club meeting
- Dance at San Stefano Casino

Fri Aug 25

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Aug 26

- Football game
- Rifle practice
- Swimming Club meeting
- Performance at Mex Casino
- Ball at San Stefano Casino

Fri Sept 1

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theater

Sat Sept 2

- Football game
- Swimming Club meeting

Fri Sept 8

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theater
- Dance at San Stefano Casino

Sat Sept 9

- Cricket Match
- Rifle practice
- Swimming Club practice
- Night show at San Stefano Casino

Fri Sept 22

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theatre
- Performance at Eden Theatre

Sat Sept 23

- Rifle practice
- Skye Meeting
- Swimming Club Meeting
- Ball at San Stefano Casino
- Reunion at Mex Casino

Fri Oct 6

- Reunion at Mex Casino
- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Oct 7

- Swimming Club Meeting
- Performace at San Stefano Casino

Fri Oct 13

- Khedive visits
- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Old Bourse Palace
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Hotel

Sat Oct 14

- Swimming club meeting

Fri Oct 20

- Orchestra at Restaraunt de Bains
- Orchestra at Old Bourse Palace
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Oct 21

- Skye Meeting
- Rifle practice
- Masonic Hall Meeting
- Performance at Ziznia Theatre

Fri Nov 3

- Old Bourse Palace Orchestra
- Orchestra at Windsor Hotel
- Comedy at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Nov 4

- Rifle practice
- Football game
- Show at San Stefano Casino
- Football game

Fri Nov 17

- Masonic Hall meeting
- Concert at Lifonti
- Orchestra at Old Bourse
- Performance at Alhambra

Sat Nov 18

- Rifle practice
- Football game

Fri Nov 24

- Masonic Lodge Meeting

- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Nov 25

- Rifle practice
- Masonic lodge meeting
- Ball at Khedival Hotel

Fri Dec 1

- Opera at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Dec 2

- Rifle practice
- Reunion at Khedival Hotel

Fri Dec 15

- Ziznia Theatre Performance
- Performance at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Dec 16

- Rifle practice
- Hockey match
- Football game

Fri Dec 22

- Opera at Ziznia Theatre
- Opera at Alhambra Theatre

Sat Dec 23

- Rifle practice
- Football game