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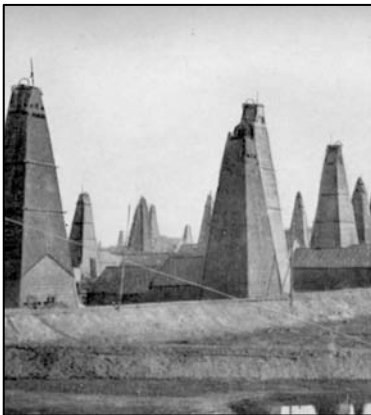
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The Oil Booms and the Changing World of Baku

WITH

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The first boom in the late 19th century brought the rise of a multiethnic city, the fastest growing in the Russian empire. Baku became a world to itself, different from the rest of Azerbaijan, seen as a foreign enclave on the pattern of the Levantine cities of the Middle East. By contrast, the second oil boom under way in the post-Soviet period, began when the non-Azeri inhabitants had left the city. With the boom-time influx of

immigrants from the countryside, the city has become fully integrated with Azerbaijan.

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