

PUBLISHER OF VARIETY ENDS LONG SERVICE

Sime Silverman Turns Over
Theatrical Magazine to
His Son.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Variety
blossomed forth today with 298
pages and a pea-green cover, on the
front of which is reproduced a picture
of Lillian Russell.

But Sime Silverman, the most
famous theatrical publisher in the
world, was not in town to hear all
the shouting about his famous offspring.

Sime has gone to Havana for a
holiday and the United Press was
informed today that, on the twenty-fifth
anniversary of his weekly, he has
retired from its active headship,
handing the job over to his son,
Sid Silverman.

The anniversary is the largest
Variety has ever published and it
is stuffed with congratulatory epistles
from such people as Herbert
Hoover, Amos 'N' Andy, Texas Guinan
and a thousand or so others.

Pay for Congratulations

Except for those of President
Hoover and Will Rogers, these messages
of good cheer have been paid
for—by the cheerers—at the rate of
\$750 a page.

An "honorary committee" of some
300 members, including such per-
sonages as Alfred E. Smith, James
J. Walker, Will H. Hays, Mary Pick-
ford, Charlie Chaplin, Florenz Zieg-
feld, Sir Harry Lauder, Gloria
Swanson and a raft of other the-
atrical bigwigs, is credited with
turning out the anniversary num-
ber by way of complimenting Sime.

The committee also has presented
Silverman with a platinum pass
which will admit him to 21,000 the-
aters for the remainder of his nat-
ural life.

The anniversary number contains
everything from a survey of the
theatrical world of 1929 to a little
boxed sentiment from Mr. and Mrs.
Jack Norworth, who say: "Be not
arrogant when fortune smiles, nor
dejected when she frowns."

Silverman started Variety after he
had been discharged from a morn-
ing newspaper, in which he wrote a
theatrical column called "The Man
in the Third Row." The magazine
traveled a bumpy road for years,
but gradually put on weight until
now it is recognized as the leader in
its field.

Reproduce First Issue

The first issue of Variety is re-
produced in the anniversary num-
ber. One of the features of the
magazine's first days was the movie
column conducted by "Skigie."

This Skigie was Sid Silverman at
the age of 7.

In his first review he said that
he liked the fellow that talked
about the horses only he couldn't
remember what the fellow said.

"One of the girls," he wrote, "had
a wig of blonde hair and the fel-
low gets a watch with dynamite in
it and tells the girl to run because
when it is 11 o'clock the old man
is going to get it. That's all I
liked."

Which is a good review of an early
movie any way you look at it.

SIEGE IS PROCLAIMED

Turkish Government Wars on
Religious Fanatics.

By United Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Jan. 1.—A
state of siege was proclaimed at
Marsa and Menemen Wednesday,
as a result of the outbreaks of
religious fanatics against the re-
public.

They want to establish the old
caliphate again. The government is
preparing a law for defence
against revolutionists.

GIVEN UNIVERSITY HELM

Walter Williams, Who Never Re-
ceived a Degree Is Missouri Head.

By United Press

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 1.—Walter
Williams, 66, who was dean of the
first journalism school ever estab-
lished and who never received a
college degree, today became pres-
ident of the University of Missouri.

Williams was appointed acting
president last June 5, succeeding
Stratton D. Brooks, and automati-
cally became president last mid-
night. He is in Mexico City.

CUT PAY OF SAILORS

Reductions Are Announced by Two
German Steamer Lines.

By United Press

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—A reduction in
the salaries of employees of the Ham-
burg-America and North German
Lloyd Lines, who make above 500
marks (about \$125) a month was
announced today. The reductions
will range from 4½ to 10 per cent.

Young Mother Kills Self

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 1.—Ill
health is blamed for the suicide of
Mrs. Margaretta Muhnickel, 25,
wife of Bruno Muhnickel, and
mother of three children, who in-
haled gas at her home.

Outstanding 1930 State Events

January
8—George N. Mannfeld, 64, super-
intendent fish and game division,
department conservation, died.

9—Floods along Wabash and White
rivers when streams approach
1913 record levels.

15—National guard troopers ordered
to patrol Hazelton fill as resi-
dents threaten to dynamite it
as a measure to protect their
homes.

16—H. L. Colbert, Washington,
named state corn champion at
state corn show, Lafayette.

17—Mayor R. P. Hale, Chief of Police
James W. Reagan and thirteen
others of East Chicago convicted
United States district court
liquor conspiracy case.

Suffering in Indiana flood dis-
trict becomes intense as mercury
falls far below zero.

22—Southern Indiana flood condi-
tions termed major disaster
comparable to Mississippi floods
and Florida hurricane by H. P.
Williamson, national representa-
tive of the American Red
Cross in charge of relief work.

30—Wabash and White river levels
subside below danger point
throughout state.

31—Red Cross relief fund for south-
ern Indiana flood sufferers
closed with total receipts of
\$16,583.84.

February
26—John Ashcraft, 38, Marion, killed
in explosion of bomb attached to
stater of auto. Fifth victim of
three mysterious bombings at
Marion in six months.

Fire destroys Big Four railroad
paint shop at Beech Grove with
\$1,000,000 loss.

Frank Wright, author of Indiana's
"bone dry" law, resigned as
auditor of state securities
commission following linking of
his name with that of C. E.
Crump, president of Indiana
real estate securities commis-
sion, who was tried on a charge
of violation of "blue sky" law.

March
3—Vice-President Charles Curtis
left for Washington from Indiana
Republican Editorial Association
meeting at Indianapolis upon word of death of
Chief Justice William Howard
Taft.

10—United Mine Workers of America
opened forty-first convention
in Indianapolis.

11—Loss of \$300,000 in factory fire
at Connersville.

17—Rev. C. H. Winders, Indianapolis
minister, superintendent of
Indiana Anti-Saloon League.

18—Hearings recommended on \$70,000,000
Insull utilities merger proposal.

18—Three persons killed, one in-
jured in explosion of Louisville
& Nashville freight locomotive
at Evansville.

21—James Britt, 34, Negro, of East
Chicago, dies in electric chair
at Indiana state prison for slay-
ing of Sam Goldberg.

25—One dead and one injured in
\$15,000 apartment house fire at
Gary.

27—Three patients at Newburg san-
atorium for drug addicts escape,
taking guns and ammunition,
but later captured.

28—State prison trustees and Governor
Leslie deny temporary
parole plea of D. C. Stephenson.

April
2—Deep shaft miners of Indiana
continue work after new wage
scale agreement between opera-
tors and workers.

6—Captain Frank Hawks crossed
Indiana in first transcontinental
glider trip.

7—All records for primary election
filings broken with 972 candi-
dates.

9—Charges of murder and con-
spiracy to commit murder filed
against six persons in connection
with three Marion bombings
which killed five persons.

United States department of
agriculture set damage caused
by January flood in southern
Indiana and Illinois, at \$6,868,-
305.

10—Fire caused \$25,000 loss at Park
county infirmary but thirty-five
inmates escaped.

18—Public service commission de-
nied \$70,000,000 Insull utilities
merger proposal.

21—T. H. I. & E. Traction Company
placed in hands of receiver.

May
3—Forty-six persons of Vigo and
Vermillion counties indicted on
charges of activities in huge
liquor ring by United States dis-
trict court grand jury at Indianapolis.

6—Voting orderly and light in Indiana
primary election.

7—William J. Fulton, Republican
leader and defeated primary
candidate, committed suicide
after charges of Lake county
vote "fraud."

14—Olin R. Holt, Kokomo attorney,
and Ora C. Butler, former Howard
county sheriff, found guilty on
charges of conspiracy to violate
prohibition laws by federal
court jury at Indianapolis.

23—Main building at Tri-State
college, Angola, burned with loss
of near \$100,000.

30—Billy Arnold, in a Miller-Hartz
Special, won annual 500-mile
race at Indianapolis Motor
Speedway with speed of 100.448
miles an hour.

31—Body of unidentified man found
on High School road, Indianapolis
in burning auto of Harold
Herbert Schroeder, Mobile, Ala.

June
5—Republicans held state conven-
tion at Indianapolis.

6—Sale of Union Traction Com-
pany ordered by Judge Carl F.
McMow, Madison circuit court,
in receivership proceedings.

8—Samuel R. Artman, Lebanon,
former judge of Boone circuit
court and one time member of
state industrial and public ser-
vice commissions, died of injuries
suffered in fall from roof of
home at Lebanon.

12—Theodore Geisling taken to
Ohio state jail charged with
aiding jail break when he was
absolved in the Lingle case.

19—Body of Roy Danner, 47, Mad-
ison, Republican nominee for
state representative, found in
Ohio river after auto accident.

20—H. K. Groves, president of
defunct American State bank of
East Chicago and Lake county
treasurer, missing from home
Eighteen Indianapolis police-
men indicted by federal grand
jury on charges of conspiracy to
violate federal prohibition laws.

23—George Sherman Myers taken to
state prison after confession of
murder of Marjorie Appel at
South Bend.

26—H. K. Groves, president of defunct
American State bank of East
Chicago, returns home after
week's absence, explaining
lapse of memory.

30—Mrs. Herbert Hoover, first lady
of the land, arrived in Indianapolis
to attend national meeting of Girl
Scouts of honorary president.

Ernest Pryor, 32, Martinsville,
charged with murder in connection
with poisoning of his wife.

July
26—Insull interests purchase Union
Traction Company at receiver's
sale.

9—Order to create eight new courts
in Indiana made by Attorney-
General James M. Ogden in
opinion basing number of courts
upon 1930 census.

10—Owen O'Malley and Joseph Carlson
found guilty on a charge of
election frauds by Lake county
circuit court.

11—City of Lafayette thought to be
target of Attorney-General
James M. Ogden's crime accusa-
tions in speech before Indiana
State Bar Association at Bloom-
ington.

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