

iliary has been formed by colored women in Sioux City, Iowa. The members have pledged to complete fifty pairs of pajamas each week.

☐ Seventy-five Negroes in Pittsburgh, Pa., have formed a Home Defense League. Frank Sutton is chairman of the movement.

☐ The drafted Negroes at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., form the 514th Engineer Service Battalion under Major Sydney Smith of New York.

☐ Over four hundred relatives and friends attended an "at home," given the colored officers at Camp Dix.

☐ The War Recreation Board has opened a club for Negro soldiers at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, Principal of the Booker T. Washington School, is chairman of the Club Committee.

☐ Seventy-five thousand Negroes have already been certified for service in the National Army, or eight per cent of the total enlistment. Of every one hundred colored men called thirty-six were certified for service, as against twenty-five out of every one hundred white men.

☐ The Chicago *Daily News* has presented the 370th colored regiment, under Colonel F. A. Dennison, a stand of colors.

#### INDUSTRY.

**T**HE Payton Apartments Corporation has been formed of Negroes to buy the six elevator apartment houses for Negroes in Harlem, New York, the property of the late Philip A. Payton, valued at \$1,500,000, from the Philton Holding Company. In the company are E. C. Brown and Andrew F. Stevens, bankers of Philadelphia; W. H. C. Brown, Emmett J. Scott, and Heman E. Perry, President of the Standard Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga.

☐ The United Brotherhood of Elevator and Switchboard Operators in New York City has become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

☐ The Negro Commercial Association, Inc., of Denver, Colo., has opened a grocery store and issued *The Colorado Progress*, edited by the Rev. Messrs. D. E. Over and H. B. Brown. It aims to advance mercantile interests among the colored people.

☐ In Charleston, S. C., colored women are being employed to load and unload freight

cars and as carpenters. At the Immigration Building five hundred colored women are engaged in the manufacture of clothing for the navy. At Savannah, Ga., forty colored women have been employed for sewing and as cleaners and helpers. At Brunswick, Ga., hundreds of colored women are employed in the shrimp and oyster canning factories.

☐ The Farmers' Co-operative Mercantile Company of Mound Bayou, Miss., reports for 1917 resources of \$41,994. It has a capital of \$8,000, undivided profits of \$12,373, and its sales during the year amounted to \$62,361. The stockholders bought their shares at five dollars and have received three dollars in dividends on every share, besides being credited with \$12.70 in undivided profit.

☐ A labor union of colored employees of the stockyards has been started in Chicago.

☐ Among the 1,275 men employed at Hog Island, near Philadelphia, during the first week in March were 450 colored men.

☐ The immigration officials of Canada have decided to import colored West Indians, rather than Chinese, to supply the labor shortage.

☐ Negroes from the Bahama Islands are to be imported into this country as farm laborers.

☐ The thirtieth annual report of the Be-rean Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia, Pa., shows that during the year 1917 its income was \$105,196 with a balance of \$3,002. Its assets, consisting of mortgages, stock loans, cash and real estate, were \$267,888. The expenses of running the association for the year amounted to \$879.

#### SOCIAL PROGRESS.

**T**HE Associated Charities of Pittsburgh for the first time in its history is employing a colored social worker, Edith L. Spurlock.

☐ Negroes of Atchison, Kans., under the leadership of W. E. Gray, John Kelly, Lloyd Kerford, Clyde Briggs, and others, recently secured over \$1,500 for a community house for Negro troops at Camp Funston.

☐ Two Negroes have been added to the St. Louis, Mo., police force: Charles Johnson and John Kunz.

☐ Colored janitors of the Court House and Hall of Records, Los Angeles, Cal., have been restored to the charge of a colored chief, L. G. Robinson.

☐ A model apartment house has been opened for Negroes in Springfield, Mass., through the activities of St. John's Church, of which the Rev. Dr. W. N. De Berry is pastor.

☐ Of the \$4,000,000 budget of the Y. W. C. A. for war work \$200,000 will be used for work among Negro women and girls, which would seem to be one-half their rightful quota.

☐ A Catholic Negro Hospital has been established in Memphis, Tenn. In nine months 284 patients have been received. It has lately added a training school for nurses and a free dispensary.

☐ A recreation center for colored girls has been opened by the Recreation Association at the Dart School in Charleston, S. C.

☐ The Baltimore Branch of the colored Y. M. C. A. has a membership of over eleven hundred.

☐ Public School No. 89, in the Harlem section of Manhattan, on February 1 had sold \$4,080 worth of Thrift Stamps. There are over 1,800 Negro pupils in the school.

☐ A twenty days' drive for an increased membership for the colored Y. M. C. A. in New York City resulted in an addition of 535 members.

☐ The chairman and clerk of the local Exemption Board of Tallferro County, Ga., have been removed by President Wilson for discrimination against Negroes.

☐ A second separate street car bill has been killed in the Louisville, Ky., Board of Aldermen.

☐ The United Brothers of Friendship, a colored fraternity, has erected a fifty thousand dollar building in Houston, Texas.

☐ The Mercy Hospital and Nurses Training School has been opened in Detroit, Mich.

☐ Hampton claims the championship in the basketball season, having defeated the Dunbar High School, Shaw, Carlisle, Lincoln and Howard.

☐ A delegation of Negroes, led by Bishop W. D. Chappelle, of the A. M. E. Church, has been received by President Wilson. A petition asking that lynching be made a Federal offense, was presented.

☐ The National League on Urban Condi-

tions Among Negroes has received a fund of \$3,200 for social welfare work in East St. Louis.

☐ White citizens of Tennessee have formed a Law and Order League to stop lynching by a campaign of education, including literature, lectures, etc.

☐ The State of Ohio maintains no library at its Columbus Penitentiary. All the books are donated by the public and various publishing houses. Gifts of books in which colored prisoners would be interested may be sent to Chaplain T. O. Reed, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.

☐ The House of Representatives of Kentucky has submitted a constitutional amendment making sheriffs and jailers responsible for prisoners taken from their custody.

☐ The extraordinary decisions of the New York Court of Appeals interpreting the Civil Rights Law have been noted. Two decisions have exempted bootblack stands and saloons, while the third decision opens parks and dance halls. A comprehensive amendment of the law has been passed by the Legislature and will probably be signed by Governor Whitman.

☐ The Executive State Council of Defense of West Virginia has appointed thirty colored men and women as an Auxiliary Advisory Council of Defense. J. C. Gilmer, former State Librarian, is the secretary and directing head with offices in the State House at Charleston.

☐ The Woman's Reformatory of Kansas City, Mo., is putting colored matrons in charge of the colored girls. They must have good common school education and will receive from \$600 to \$780 a year and maintenance. Applicants should apply to the Superintendent, 2015 Vine Street, Kansas City, Mo.

☐ A world's record for bread-baking has been established by Baking Company No. 328 of the Quartermaster's Department of the National Army. The bakers are composed of men from the Tenth and Twenty-fourth Infantries. They are established at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.

#### EDUCATION.

**T**HE Legislature of New Jersey has appropriated for the fiscal year from July 1, 1918, to June 30, 1919, \$93,900, including earnings, for the Bordentown School.