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GREAT BRITAIN IS WATCHING PEOPLE

NEW INSURANCE SCHEME NOW BEING PLANNED.

AID FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Sick and Infirm Also to be Cared for Under-System Which is Attracting Attention of the English Experts.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—At the request of the bureau of manufactures, John L. Griffith, of Indianapolis, consul-general at London, has forwarded a report on the measure recently introduced in the British parliament for state insurance against unemployment and sickness. This subject is already being agitated in some sections of the United States, and it was on this account that Mr. Griffiths was asked to report. Mr. Griffiths says the legislation is regarded as even of more importance than the old age pension law since it affects a far greater number of people and affects them in a great majority of instances while they are still capable of work, although temporarily incapacitated.

The reception accorded to the bill on its first reading also seems to indicate that it will undergo some form will be enacted into law, although it may be modified in many details. The principle of the bill was approved by the leaders of all sections of political opinion represented in the house of commons.

Divided Into Two Parts.

The bill is divided into two parts. The first part is concerned solely with sickness, and provides for insurance against loss of health and for the provision of medical treatment. The second part of the bill deals altogether with insurance against unemployment. Not only is provision made for compulsory insurance against loss of health, but voluntary insurance under certain conditions is also provided for.

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