LOCAL BANKER, HOME FROM WEST, PREDICTS BIG BOOM IN BUSINESS
Industrial Plants Changing From War to Peace Basi Foresees Prosperity That Will Carry All Before It-Gossip of the Street

| J. It C. Morton, of Townend, Whelen \& Co.. has just returned intimate relptions with leading bankers, ralifoad men and men in packing and other large interests of Chicago. <br> These men, he said, see nothing but a big business boom ahead, no one could convince them of any other possibie outcome. They seem nee big orders ahead in every industry, with a prosperity that will cal all before it. The whole West, he says, is talking that way beginning to feel that way, he said, as the quotation board shows, they are fust three months ahead of us in that respect. Mr. Mor was away. <br> One thing he noticed partectarly was how quickly the indust plants out West are changing from war to peace industry. Many them have completely adapted themselves to the new conditions nome are in the transition state. Coming throukh thie Enited staicel nome are. in the transition state. Coming through the tnited stace Steel Corporation's big plants at Gary, Ind., on the outskirts of Chica be notised every appearance of activity. Not one of the big sta Which cover the immense acreage of these huge plants, he said, but belching out heavy black smoke. The same could be said of all neighboring plants. If there was anything which casf the least cl over the present conditions and future pronpects, he sald, it is doubtrul position of labor; but on the whole, he sald, it was not garded seriously. <br> Asked what the big raliroad omplate from whom he had the opp tunity to find their opinions on the ralirond situation had to zay on |
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 Scarcity of Laborers Before Midsummer Predicted


Railroad Administration and War Finance Men Propose Warrants

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 He Considers U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness Available

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