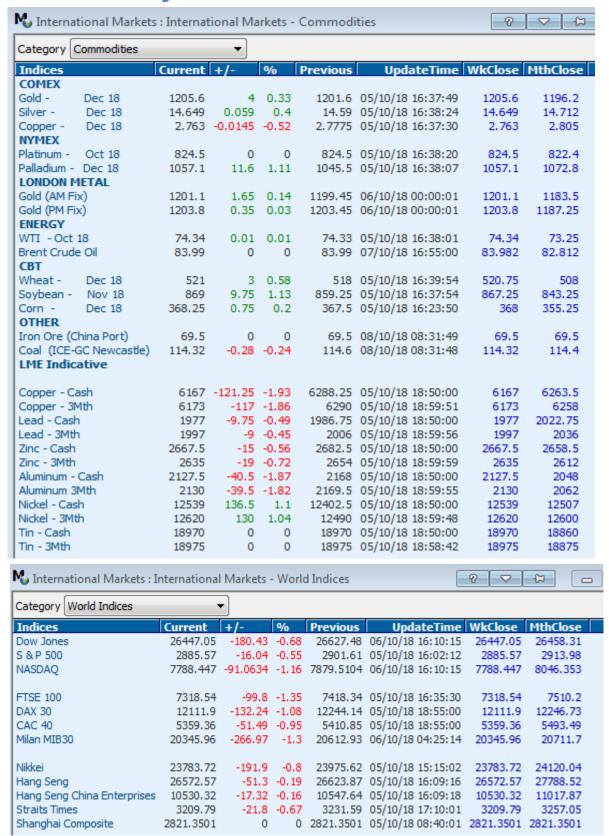


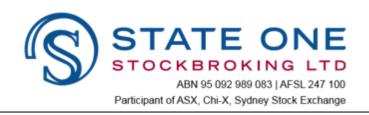
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PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

Interesting activity is afoot in the financial markets as a reaction to the release of the Labor Department's jobs report numbers for September. According to the Labor Department, there were 134,000 jobs added in September. This was well below economic estimates which were looking for 185,000 jobs to be added last month. The Labor Department also upwardly revised jobs created in July and August.

These upward revisions coupled with the fact that the unemployment rate is at a 40-year low were supportive of precious metals pricing, with the exception of platinum, and put continued selling pressure in U.S. equities.

Although the jobs report's numbers came in below expectations, many economists cite hurricane Florence as a primary force resulting in September's lower numbers.

As reported by MarketWatch, Thomas Simons, senior money market economist of Jeffries LLC, said, "September payrolls came in substantially weaker than expected, but it was certainly due to the effects of Hurricane Florence. We have seen this time and time again after big hurricanes (last September being a very good example after Hurricane Harvey, when payrolls fell 33K in the initial print). So, ignore the weakness in payrolls."

Most impressive was the fact that the last time the unemployment rate was at 3.7% was in December 1969, almost 50 years ago.

Although these numbers are supportive of the proposed interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve in December, there was no adverse effect in precious metals pricing. In fact, the only precious metal not to score moderate gains today was platinum.

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