

Equity Investment Advisers Gold Report



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Gold Prices Gain as Trump Considers Imposing Tariffs on \$200B in Chinese Goods

Gold prices gained on Friday as reports that U.S. President Donald Trump was considering plans to impose tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports as soon as next week weighed on market sentiment.

Gold futures for December delivery was at a trading price of \$1,211.5 per troy ounce, up by 0.6%, at 1:10AM ET (05:10 GMT) on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. The precious metal remained on track to record their longest monthly losing streak since 2013 despite today's gains.

"As \$1,200 is always a psychological level, there will be some battle to regain that ... It is going to be critical whether prices are going to close above or below that level today," said Brian Lan, managing director at dealer GoldSilver Central in Singapore.

The U.S. Dollar Index, which tracks the dollar against a basket of other currencies, gained 0.04% to 94.68. Gold prices have declined about 7.7% so far this year amid geopolitical events including global trade concerns and the recent Turkish lira crisis, with investors preferring the dollar as a safe-haven.

U.S., Canada slug it out as deadline looms to clinch NAFTA deal

Talks between Canada and the United States to revamp NAFTA appeared to stumble on concessions over agriculture, as top negotiators struggled for a fourth day to meet President Donald Trump's Friday deadline.

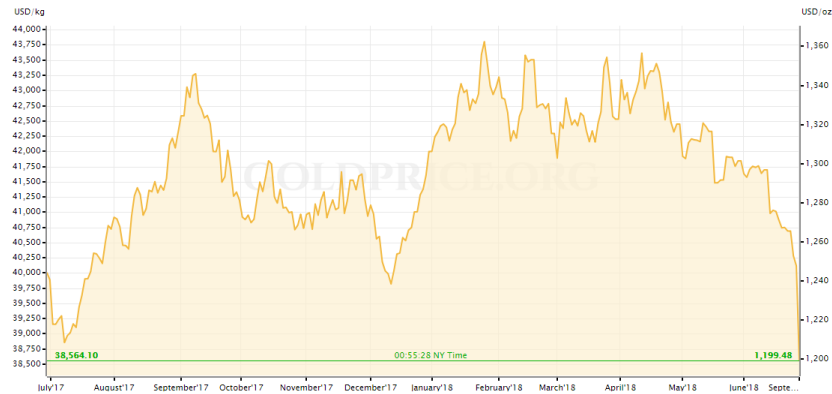
U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland resumed talks on Friday, with Mexico still on standby to return to talks aimed at ending a year of hard-fought negotiations on the three-way North American Free Trade Agreement. But Canadian officials expressed concern that a final NAFTA deal will not be concluded on Friday, the Globe and Mail reported, citing a source familiar with situation.

The report said Lighthizer had refused to budge despite repeated efforts by Freeland to offer some dairy concessions to maintain an independent trade dispute mechanism in NAFTA, a big sticking point for Canada. However, a spokeswoman for USTR said Canada had made no concessions on agriculture, which includes dairy, but added that negotiations continued.

"We've all had a night to reflect, and I'm looking forward to hearing what Ambassador Lighthizer has to say this morning," Freeland said before heading into talks on Friday. Trump argues Canada's hefty dairy tariffs are hurting U.S. farmers, an important political base for his Republican party. But dairy farmers have great political clout in Canada, too, and concessions could hurt the ruling Liberals ahead of a 2019 federal election.

The United States also wants to eliminate Chapter 19, the dispute-resolution mechanism that has hindered it from pursuing anti-dumping and anti-subsidy cases. Lighthizer said on Monday Mexico had agreed to cut the mechanism.

Gold Price



Silver Price



Gold To Silver Price Ratio

1 Year Gold/Silver

Last Close: 83.13

High: 83.13 Low: 74.37 ▲7.84 10.41%



What Would Impeaching Trump Mean for Precious Metals?

Tasked with investigating whether or not Donald Trump and people working for him colluded with the Russians during the presidential campaign, the special counsel finally got some traction last week. Metals investors are wondering if political turmoil ratcheting several notches higher might have ramifications for gold and silver prices. The chances for impeachment did get a boost, although it would seem to hinge primarily on whether the Republicans lose the House and Senate in November.

Some are now speculating on how an impeachment effort might play out in the metals markets. But we'll get a much better idea of which way the political winds are blowing for the White House after the crucial November mid-term election. Last week isn't even the first-time investors have contemplated the possibility of impeachment. So far, the markets seem to be ignoring the possibility.

It's a very daunting political task. Only two presidents have ever been impeached – Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton. Neither were convicted in the Senate and removed from office, however. That can only be done with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote. Even the most optimistic Democrats are not expecting to win a majority of that size in this Fall's midterm elections.

To convict, Democrats will need some help from Republicans – and with John McCain now dead and Bob Corker and Jeff Flake retiring, there are fewer Republican senators around obsessed with sticking it to Trump. It could certainly be said Trump doesn't have too many true friends amongst the Republican leadership in Congress. However, the President has plenty of loyalty amongst his base. It seems unlikely Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is going to risk suiciding the party by collaborating with Trump's enemies across the aisle.

Impeachment looks like a bad bet based on what we in the public know today. If the threat of impeachment somehow becomes more credible based on the revelation of more serious crimes, then all bets are off. It will move markets. But, for now at least, it remains a longshot.

The Quick Rundown: Colombian miners gunned down

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Colombia has approached Venezuela with a request to assist in the case of five murdered miners.
- The five dead were Colombians working in a gold mine in the southern Bolivar state.
- Police are investigating in relation to a massacre that occurred in the town of Tumeremo, where a dozen other people of Non-Colombian nationality were also killed.
- All seventeen victims were found dead with gunshot wounds in the town of Tumeremo.
- The town itself has long been a famous artisanal mining town in the region, but has recently been rocked by violence, as armed gangs and local authorities frequently clash over territory and control.
- The recent collapse of Venezuela has only fuelled the problems, as desperate Venezuelan gangs join the fray.

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Listing (ASX)	Points	Percent.	Price
Evolution Mining	0.055	2.075%	\$2.705
Newcrest Mining	0.000	0.000%	\$19.390
Northern Star	1.165	16.739%	\$8.125
Rio Tinto	0.925	1.272%	\$71.815
South32	0.030	0.862%	\$3.510

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