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Stock Markets	2				
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NASDAQ	4,244.03	+3.35	FTSE	6,663.62	+4.20
S&P 500	1,838.63	+8.80	Hang Seng	22,298.41	+132.88
SPI 200 Fut	5,352.00	+44.00	TRJCRB Index	293.24	+0.67
Bonds			40		
			US 10 YR Bond		
NZ 10 YR Bond	4.620	+0.000	US 30 YR Bond	d 3.699	+0.000
Currencies (Prev at 7pm NZST)					
	-		NED HOC	0 0264	0 0244
			NZD US\$		0.8344
EUR US\$	1.3690	1.3677	Yen US\$	101.77	101.76
Commodities					
Gold (Lon)	1320 00		Silver (Lon)	21 090)
Gold (NY)	1318.31		Light Crude	100.30	.

Overnight market action with latest New York figures.

EOUITIES

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks closed higher on Friday, with major indexes notching a second straight week of gains as investors were once again willing to overlook some soft economic data stemming from bad weather.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 126.80 points, or 0.79 percent, to end at 16,154.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 8.80 points, or 0.48 percent, to finish at 1,838.63. The Nasdaq Composite Index added 3.35 points, or 0.08 percent, to close at 4,244.03.

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LONDON - Basic materials shares helped Britain's top equity index to a second straight weekly gain on Friday, offsetting a fall in bottling firmCoca Cola Hellenic following its results. Overall, the FTSE 100 was up 4.20 points, up 0.1 percent, at 6,663.62 points by 1549 GMT.

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TOKYO - Japan's Nikkei share average slipped to a one-week low in volatile trade on Friday, giving up earlier gains as sentiment was soured by a stronger yen and as some investors Page 136 of 340 © 2018 Factiva, Inc. All rights reserved.

trimmed their exposure ahead of the weekend.

The Nikkei ended down 1.5 percent at 14,313.03, the lowest closing level since Feb. 6 after rising as high as 14,678.71. It dropped 1.0 percent for the week, marking the sixth straight weekly fall.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK - Euro zone growth numbers on Friday topped forecasts and helped push the euro to a nearly three-week peak against the dollar, which slid for a second straight day on accumulating worries about U.S. economic growth.

The dollar index of six major currencies on Friday slid to a low of 80.065, its 2014 bottom so far, and was last at 80.199, down 0.16 percent.

The dollar was down 0.28 percent against the yen at 101.87 yen and off 0.2 percent against the Swiss franc at 0.8918 francs to the dollar.

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TREASURIES

NEW YORK - U.S. Treasury debt yields edged higher on Friday after steep losses the previous session, but their uptrend could unravel as a recent run of weaker-than-expected economic data has raised doubts about the stability of the U.S. recovery.

In late trading, benchmark 10-year Treasuries were down 3/32 in price to yield 2.74 percent, up from 2.73 percent late on Thursday. Yields rose for a second straight week.

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COMMODITIES

GOLD

NEW YORK/LONDON - **Gold** rose to a three-month high above \$1,300 an ounce on Friday, gaining 1 percent and notching its biggest weekly gain in six months, as weak U.S. manufacturing output pressured the dollar and lifted bullion's currency-hedge appeal.

Spot **gold** was up 1.2 percent at \$1,317.90 an ounce by 2:06 p. m. EST (1906 GMT), after rising to its highest since Nov. 7 at \$1,320.90. It was up around 4 percent for the week, the largest such gain since mid-August.

U.S. **gold** futures for April delivery settled up \$18.50 at \$1,318.60 an ounce, up for an eighth straight session in the longest winning streak since July 2011.

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BASE METALS

LONDON - **Copper** rose on Friday, helped by a weak dollar and limited short-term availability of the metal in the physical market, but gains were limited by uncertainty about the demand outlook following soft U.S. and **Chinese** economic data.

Three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange closed up 0.6 percent to \$7,150 a tonne, rebounding after a decline on Thursday. The metal used in power and construction was down about 3 percent for the year to date.

OIL

NEW YORK - Brent oil futures rose in late session trading on Friday, boosted by demand for heating oil ahead of more winter cold and snow in the U.S. Northeast as well as supply disruptions in producers Libya and Angola.

U.S. crude settled 5 cents lower at \$100.30 a barrel, though it ended higher on the week for the fifth week in a row. Brent crude settled 56 cents higher at \$109.08 a

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