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WBP Online

► Wall St to Open Higher on Xmas Eve

The market is likely to resume its leg up after the Dow breached the 18,000 barrier in the wake of the dazzling US GDP report and the Fed's outlook on interest rates.

Fox Business

► <u>Applications for US unemployment benefits likely tacked up last week</u>

The U.S. Labor Department reports on the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week. The report will be...

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▶ U.S. Dollar Drops Against Majors

The U.S. dollar edged down against its major opponents in European morning deals on Wednesday, as investors paused for breath, after its strong rally yesterday.

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► EUR/USD flirts with 1.22 levels

The EUR/USD pair continues to trade around 1.22 levels as we move into the US session amid low volumes and lack of fresh fundamental triggers.

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► Low Oil Prices Change Everything In Russia: Kaplan

Harvard Business School Professor Robert Kaplan discusses low oil prices and their impact on the Russian economy with Tom Keene on "Bloomberg Surveillance."

CNBC

► Banking on banks in 2015

CNBC's Kayla Tausche lays out her predictions in the financial sector next year.

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Global Times

► Chinese local officials arrested for alleged bribery

Three Chinese officials have been arrested and put under investigation for allegedly accepting bribes, according to the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP).

BBC

► Stormont House Agreement: Obama praises NI talks breakthrough

US President Barack Obama has praised the broad agreement reached in Northern Ireland cross-party talks.

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Market Watch

► Gold struggling to stay above \$1,180

Gold prices slipped Wednesday, adding to selloffs that followed strong U.S. gross domestic product data.

Reuters

► European shares inch up in shortened session

European stocks inched up on Wednesday in a shortened session ahead of the Christmas break, gaining ground for the seventh day in a row and mirroring a rally on Wall Street fuelled by unexpectedly strong U.S. economic growth data.

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Rachel Stohl

▶ U.S. must take lead in tackling arms trade

ISIS, al Qaeda, weapons of mass destruction -- it's easy to understand why these threats to global stability consistently make the headlines.

Kenny Fisher

► Gold Remains Listless Ahead Of Unemployment Claims

Gold is showing little movement on Wednesday, as the spot price stands at \$1177.61 per ounce.













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