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Trump Threatens China with Tariffs Hike of “At Least” Another \$300 Billion

President Trump told reporters he could raise China tariffs by “at least” another \$300 billion after a meeting of leaders of the world’s largest economies later this month.

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Pence Talks Up Proposed U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Deal

Vice President Mike Pence urged Congress to support the U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement at an event in Pennsylvania.

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Job Creation Slows Dramatically with Payrolls Up Just 75,000 in May

Job creation decelerated strongly in May, with non-farm payrolls up by just 75,000 as the unemployment rate remained at a 50-year low.

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Trade Tensions Prompt Fed to Put Interest-Rate Cut in Play

Federal Reserve officials said they were closely monitoring the recent escalation in trade tensions

and indicated they could respond to any economic deterioration by cutting interest rates.

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Trade Tensions Have Caused Significant Impact on China, IMF Says

Heightened trade tensions with the U.S. are beginning to impact China's growth, according to the International Monetary Fund.

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Apprentices Needed

To attract more young people to their industries, businesses must offer training opportunities.

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Trump's Twitter Defense of Mexico Agreement Short on Specifics

President Donald Trump spent much of the weekend tweeting that Mexico will take "strong measures" against northward migration as a result of last Friday's trade deal.

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Manufacturing Activity Slowed Notably in Latest Data

U.S. manufacturing growth slowed in May to its weakest pace of activity in more than two-and-a-half years, according to the Institute for Supply Management.

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Another Sign of Economic Worry: Tumbling Oil Prices

Oil prices have tumbled more than 20 percent since late April because of growing fears that

demand is weaker than expected as the global economy slows.

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Lawmakers Target Chinese Rail Cars Over Security Concerns

A Chinese company that is designing subway train cars for U.S. cities is at the center of growing scrutiny over worries that its products could be susceptible to hacking or remote control.

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Manufacturing Adds 3,000 Jobs in May, Paced by Transportation

Manufacturing added 3,000 jobs in May, with transportation equipment leading the way.

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Natural Gas Fastest Growing Energy Sector in 2018

Natural gas consumption grew 4.6 percent in 2018, accounting for 45 percent of all worldwide energy use growth.

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