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Gold	Today	Change	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	\$1,208.70	+\$3.60	\$1187.40	\$1,204.50	\$1238.00

Gold prices rallied on Monday, pushing back above the \$1,200.00 level due to short covering on Comex amid a sell-off in the stock market which attracted some safe haven buying. February gold closed up \$15.90 an ounce at \$1,202.10 an ounce and spot gold ended the day at \$1,205.10 per ounce.

The gains in the gold price occurred despite another drop in oil prices and a stronger dollar. The price of crude oil fell to a five year low while the U.S. dollar index hit a 10-year high.

The euro sank to a nine-year low as traders worried about whether Greece will stay in Europe's currency common currency bloc.

The euro fell to \$1.1862, its' lowest since December 2005 after an article in Der Spiegel reported unnamed officials who evidently said that the German Chancellor Angela Merkel no longer believes it would be too risky for the 19-member Eurozone if Greece dropped the currency.

There are renewed concerns about whether Greece will stick to the terms of its international bailout and stay in the euro bloc if the upcoming elections are won by the anti-austerity Syriza party.

Germany has warned Greece against renegeing on the bailout conditions should Syriza win this month's general election. Responding to the Der Speigel report, a spokesman for Merkel said there is no change in German policy and the government expects Greece to fulfil its obligations under the EU,

ECB and IMF bailout.

Another plunge in the price of oil sent stocks sharply lower in afternoon trading. Energy stocks slumped as the price of crude briefly dipped below \$50 a barrel; the first time since April 2009, on fears of a supply glut.

Benchmark Brent crude tumbled about 6%, hitting new 5-1/2 year lows after data showed Russian oil output at post-Soviet era highs and Iraqi oil exports at near 35-year peaks.

Some traders appeared certain that U.S. crude will hit the \$40 region later in the week if weekly oil inventory numbers for the United States on Wednesday show another supply increase.



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