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Chinese stock markets - 1929 encore?

Does the continued rout on the Chinese stock markets signal both that China will have its version of 1929, or can the CCP contain things?...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/china-business/11725236/The-really-worrying-financial-crisis-is-happening-in-China-not-Greece.html>

The Chinese appear to have miscalculated...from Seeking Alpha...

“**Wiping out much of yesterday's rebound**, Chinese shares fell yet again today, casting doubt on the slew of recent support measures unleashed by Beijing. Traders are also getting increasingly nervous about the unusually large number of Chinese companies asking for their shares to be suspended. About a quarter of the roughly 2,800 companies listed in Shanghai and Shenzhen filed for a trading halt by the close on Monday, and another 200 announced a suspension today. Shanghai **-1.3%**; Shenzhen **-5.8%**; ChiNext **-5.7%**.”

When draconian measures by the Chinese government fail to halt the rot and when companies stop trading to avoid losses in share value things are getting very risky...

http://seekingalpha.com/article/3307485-china-stocks-have-descended-into-the-absurd?source=email_macro_view_mar_out_0_1&ifp=0

Having hundreds of large Chinese companies ceasing trading over night to stop the rout is unlikely to please retail investors.

Grexit this week, or next?

Will we also see an end to uncertainty over a Grexit this week?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/economics/11725041/Five-days-to-save-the-eurozone-from-disaster.html>

Have the EU finance ministers also miscalculated? (*Editor's note: this is the best article about the Greek situation I've read to date.*)....

https://www.stratfor.com/weekly/greek-vote-and-eu-miscalculation?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Gweekly&utm_campaign=20150707&utm_content=readmoretext&mc_cid=fe84a80645&mc_eid=f6520e17b6

It is only about 60 years ago that the military staged a coup d'état in Greece and with US support could do so again. However I think that is only a fallback position in case the Syriza government makes a hash of things. Already, Mr Obama has called The Greeks and the Germans to insist they must sort out this "spat". But it is possible the CIA and US State Department are already taking closer interest as the EZ finance ministers talk of ring-fencing a Greek exit.

The outcome of the Chinese and Greek debacles will determine whether this leads to more dominoes dropping before the critical September to November period this year when economies are likely to go negative.

China causes ructions by renting millions of acres of farm land in Russia to produce food as the BRICS attempt to become more self reliant. Now the Saudis are doing the same...from Seeking Alpha...

"Saudi Arabia has signed a commitment to invest up to \$10B in Russia over the next five years, in a move signaling a thawing in relations between the two countries. The majority of the money will be spent on Russia's agricultural projects, as well as medicine, logistics, and the country's retail and real estate sectors. Facing a political standoff with the West, Moscow has been turning eastward, to reduce reliance on Europe and the U.S. In early May, the country signed economic deals with China worth up to \$25B."

America is no longer a secure supplier of surplus food for Eastern bloc countries as wildfires and droughts take their toll.

Commodity prices reflect global recession

Overnight, oil prices stabilised but gold and silver fell a little.

These are moving to logically reflect early stage global recession. Whether it is iron ore, dairy futures, gold or silver. But what does stand out clearly is the mayhem with silver...may be due perhaps to Citigroup's huge multi-billion position...and its market moves...

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2015-07-07/us-mint-runs-out-silver-same-day-price-silver-plunges-2015-lows>