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US dollar loses strength

Gold passed USD1,300/oz yesterday before settling back to USD1,294. Confidence in a rise in interest rates is waning as the countries with negative rates continue on that track...

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-05-02/gold-rallies-above-1-300-for-first-time-since-january-2015>

Meantime as corporate earnings (including the big banks) underwhelm for the first quarter and deals get scarcer, Goldman Sachs looks for more creative ways to make a buck...just beware of bankers on the make!...

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-goldman-sachs-lending-idUSKCN0XT08V?il=0>

Oil prices retreat

But before doing so, there was a rush to lock in new hedges...by those who could do so.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-oil-hedges-idUSKCN0XT07T>

Having convinced some 170 countries that the IPCC can change the climate to stop warming, the looming water scarcity poses the next threat they want to bring under the UN mandate. The fact is that farmers using freshwater aquifers to farm in arid climates to feed an exponentially growing population is the root cause of much of the looming scarcity...yet in places like Arizona and California denial is the dominant strategy for dealing with reality. In the Himalaya's it is the theft of water from one catchment to another that will cause the greatest threat of water wars...

<http://www.juancole.com/2016/05/climate-change-water-wars-to-create-40-water-shortfall-in-15-years-un.html>

Ottoman Empire encore

It has established the conditions to spread unchecked through the EU...

I really have no idea just how desperate the EU politicians must have been over the refugee influx. But to coin a saying attributed (incorrectly) to the late Enoch Powell, "there will be rivers of blood". Refugees are controllable, visa exemptions are not, so this concession is nothing short of a disaster for European security...

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36188558>

I have the feeling that if things start to go wrong with the EU bureaucrat's intentions, the UK will leave the EU like rats up a drainpipe...no-one expects naivety from their elected representatives but that is what the self-serving cabal who run the EU is demonstrating.

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/7916/europe-migration-crisis>