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The financial world woke up to great news Friday when the Labor Department announced that nonfarm payrolls jumped 255,000 in July, well above the consensus of around 180,000. Considering that only two months ago, that count was below 25,000 added jobs, the release buoyed spirits and the markets. The unemployment rate remained at 4.9%, but this is a positive because more people are now looking for jobs, evidenced in part by the increase in the labor participation rate. Average hourly earnings also bumped up. The labor report and signs of growth in domestic manufacturing, driven by new orders, have many now thinking that the Federal Reserve is more likely to raise interest rates this year than had been thought in recent months.

The short end of the London interbank offered rate (Libor) moved up again. One-month Libor increased from 49 to 50 basis points from last week, three-month jumped from 76 basis points to 79 and six-month pushed upward to 1.16%.