The Day Ahead: Thank You PPI

If nothing else, this morning offers confirmation of just how nervous the market is about inflation. The producer price index barely beat its forecast (in fact y/y CORE PPI was on the screws), but this was enough for bonds to add on to modest overnight gains in a modestly enthusiastic way. We almost never see this much of a reaction to this small of a beat/miss in PPI. The other consideration is that oil has been trending lower since 3am, and bonds stayed almost perfectly flat from 4am-8:30am, but this should only be viewed as a small supporting actor in this morning's rally. Stocks jumped at 9:30am as well, arguably adding evidence that retail stock investors appreciated the inflation message as well.

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