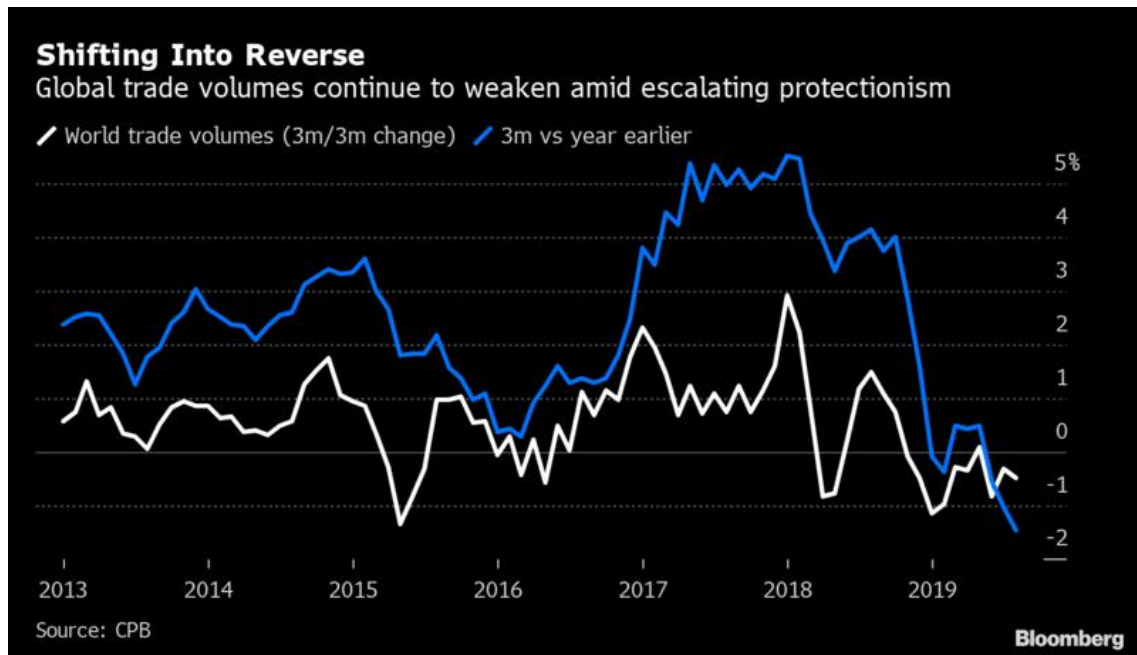


## Weaker World Trade Volumes Show Summer Tariff Escalations

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The escalation of U.S.-China tensions this year continued to leave a mark on international trade during the third quarter. While volumes in the CPB World Trade Monitor increased in August, when both countries announced new tariffs, three-month underlying momentum showed further weakness. There was a 0.5% decline from the previous period, and a 1.5% drop compared with a year earlier.

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Note a few things from the chart:

- 1) trade started contracting BEFORE trade war erupted
- 2) initial impact of trade war was a boost as importers rushed to get in stuff
- 3) early 2019 weakness as payback from 2).
- 4) Now weakening again.