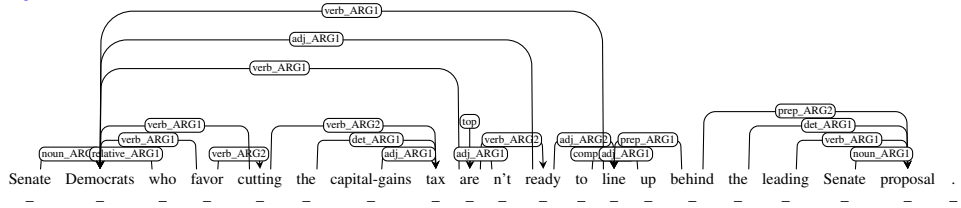
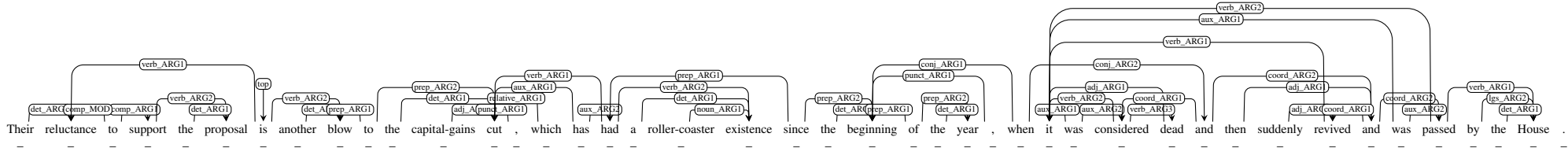


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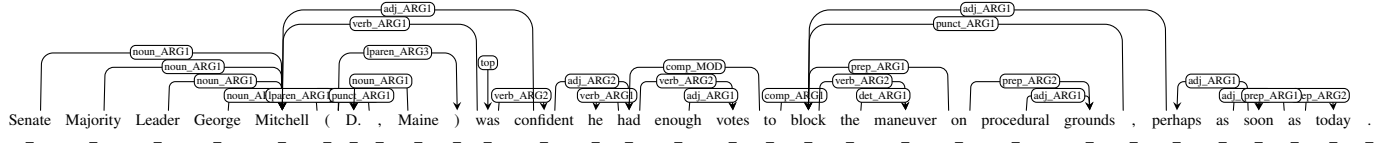
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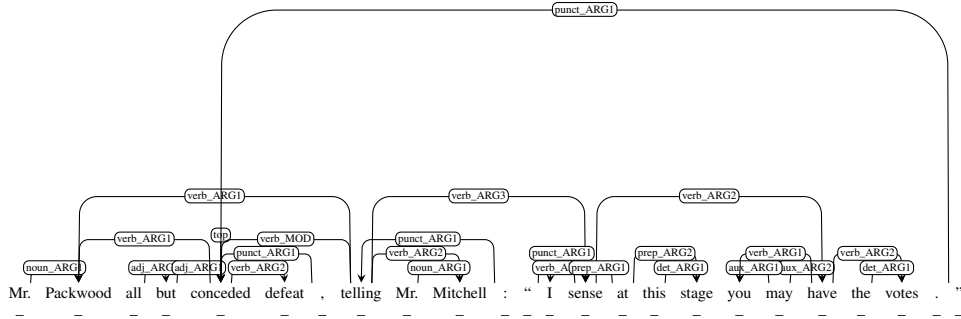
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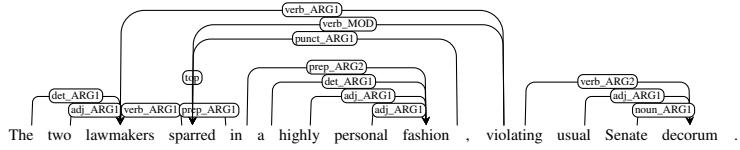
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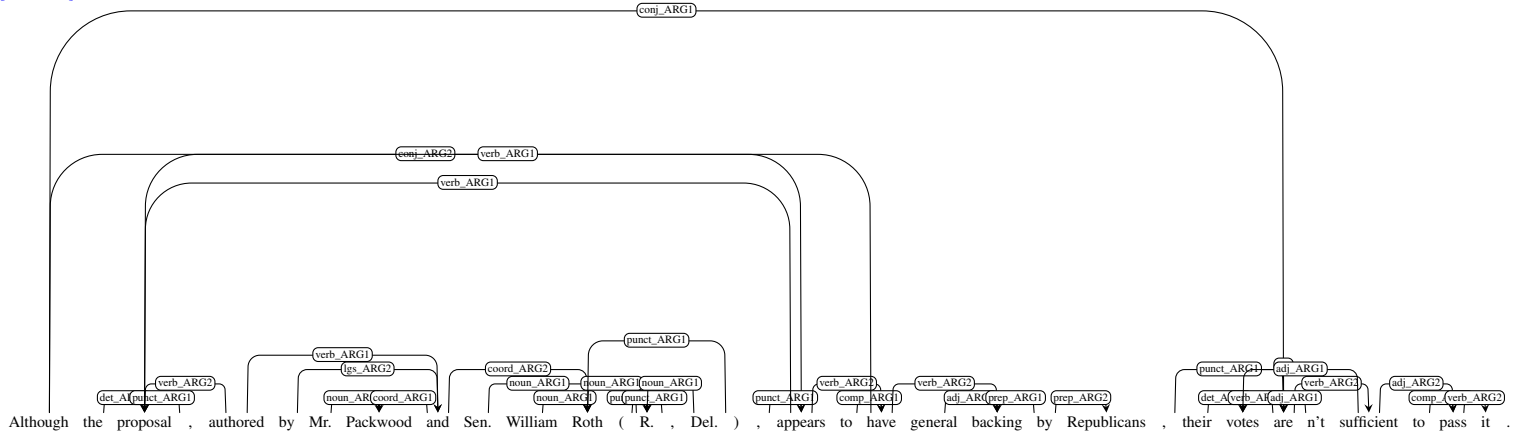
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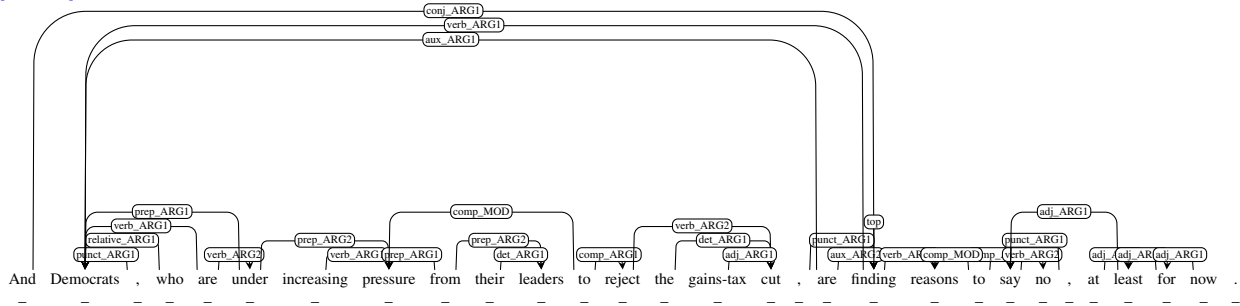
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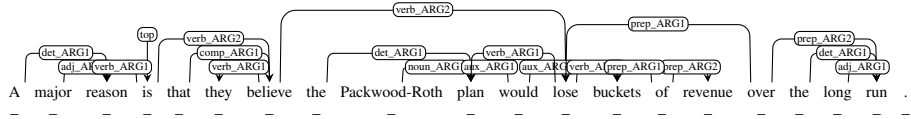
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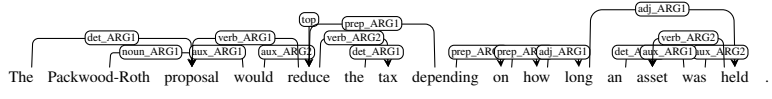
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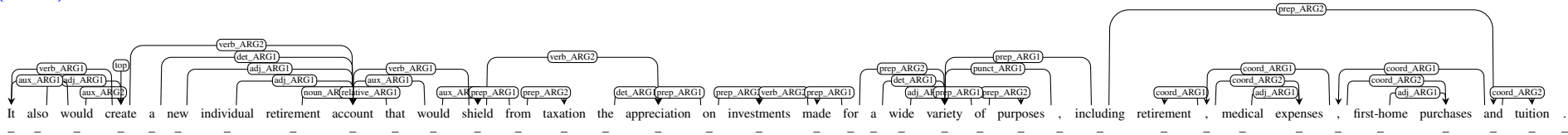
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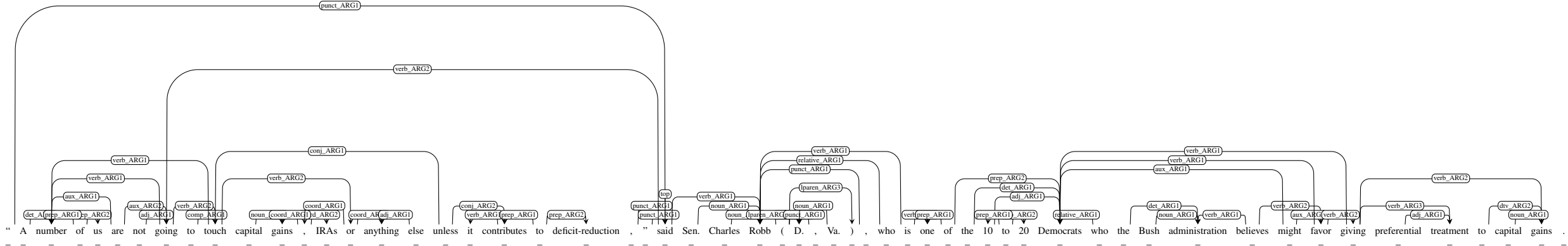
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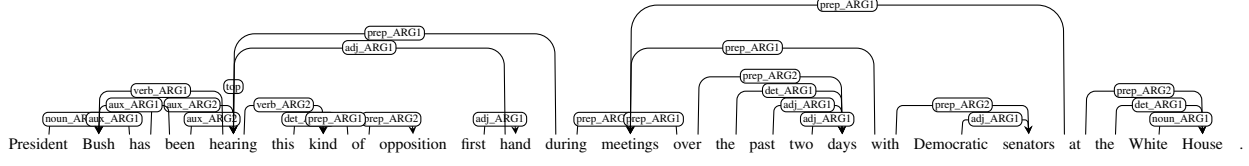
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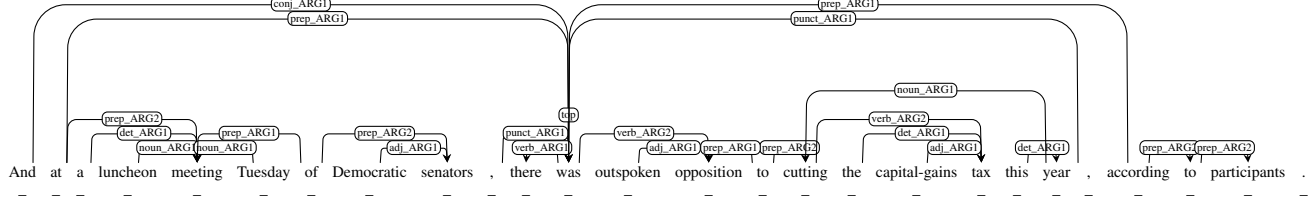


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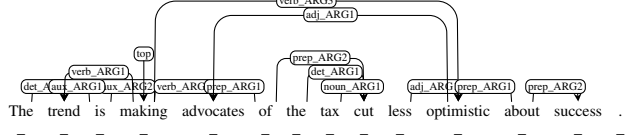
President Bush has been hearing this kind of opposition first hand during meetings over the past two days with Democratic senators at the White House .

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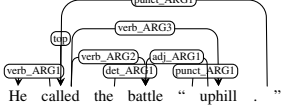
And at a luncheon meeting Tuesday of Democratic senators , there was outspoken opposition to cutting the capital-gains tax this year . according to participants .

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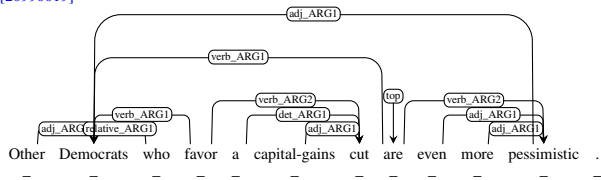
The trend is making advocates of the tax cut less optimistic about success .

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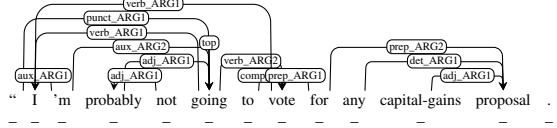
He called the battle " uphill . "

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Other Democrats who favor a capital-gains cut are even more pessimistic .

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In addition , White House aides think that there are numerous other important measures Democrats badly wanted passed - such as the scaling back of a controversial catastrophic health-care plan for the elderly - that might provide the president leverage in cutting deals with Democrats .

A capital-gains tax cut might be paired with such measures to help ensure passage .

Other possibilities include a child-care initiative and an increase in the minimum wage .

If they ca n't secure immediate passage of a capital-gains plan , administration officials also are n't ruling out making a deal with Congress to put off a vote until a firm date in the future , even next year .

But the officials insist that such a deal on a future vote would have to apply to both the House and the Senate .

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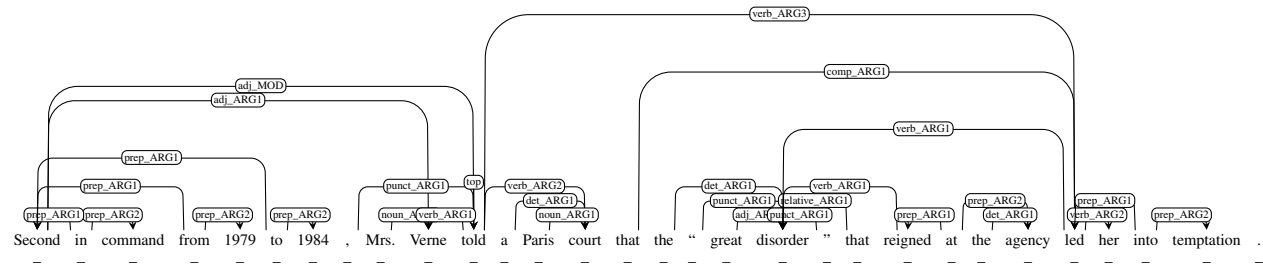
Japan plans to send the Chinese back home and is negotiating with the Chinese government , a Justice Ministry official said .

The Chinese were among 3,372 boat people supposedly from Vietnam who arrived in Japan this year , compared with 219 for all of 1988 , the official said .

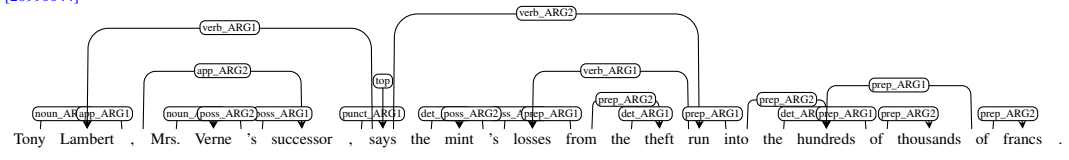
The 658 Chinese , who have been in a refugee-assistance center , were sent to immigration facilities yesterday pending deportation to China , the official said .

On Sept. 13 , Japan began a policy of screening boat people , accepting only those deemed to be political refugees .

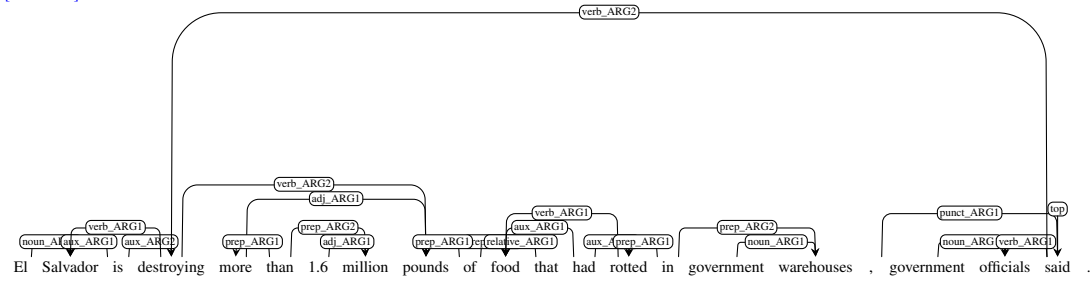
Francoise Verme , 52-year-old former deputy director of France 's mint , faces prison for her theft of some 67 rare coins from the mint 's collections .



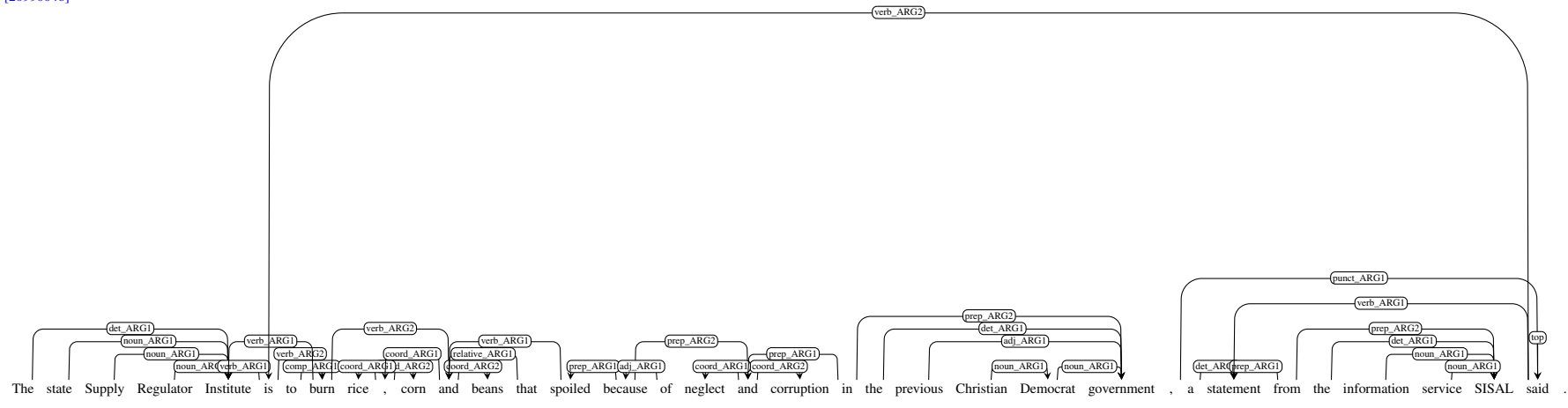
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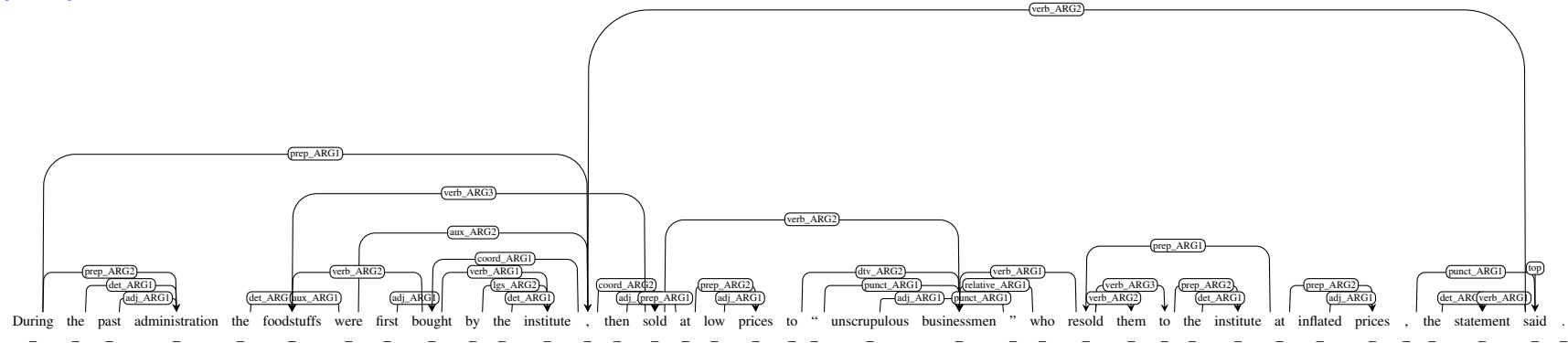
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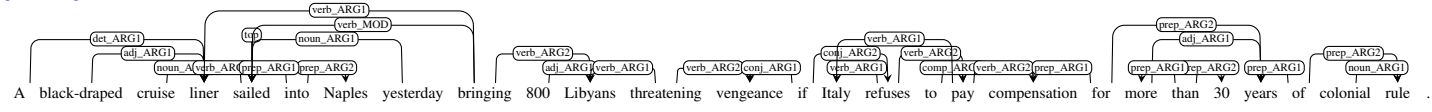
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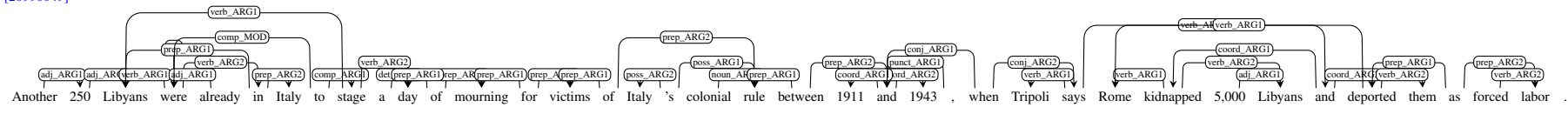
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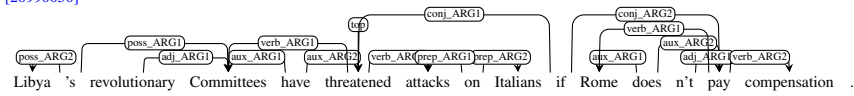
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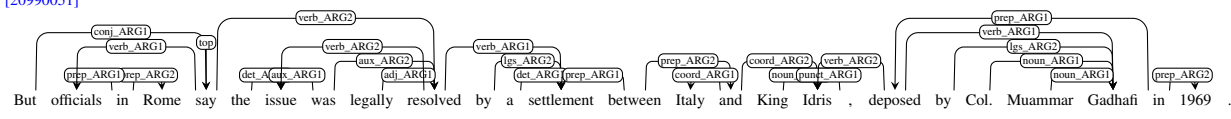
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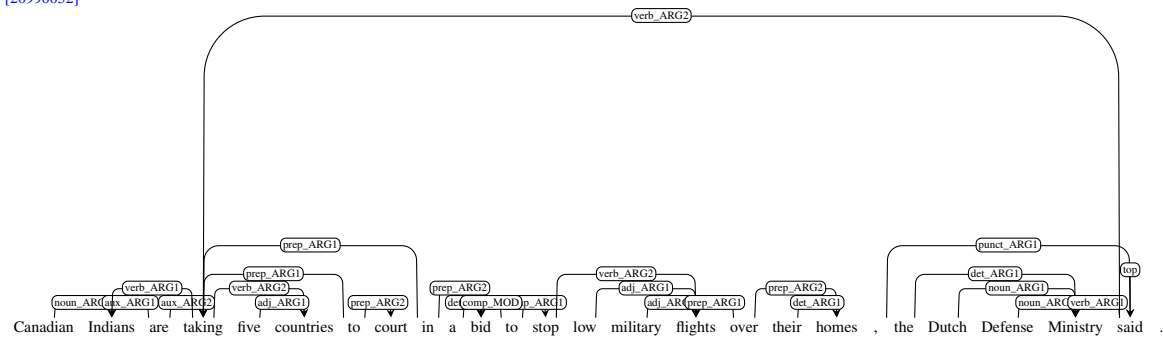
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