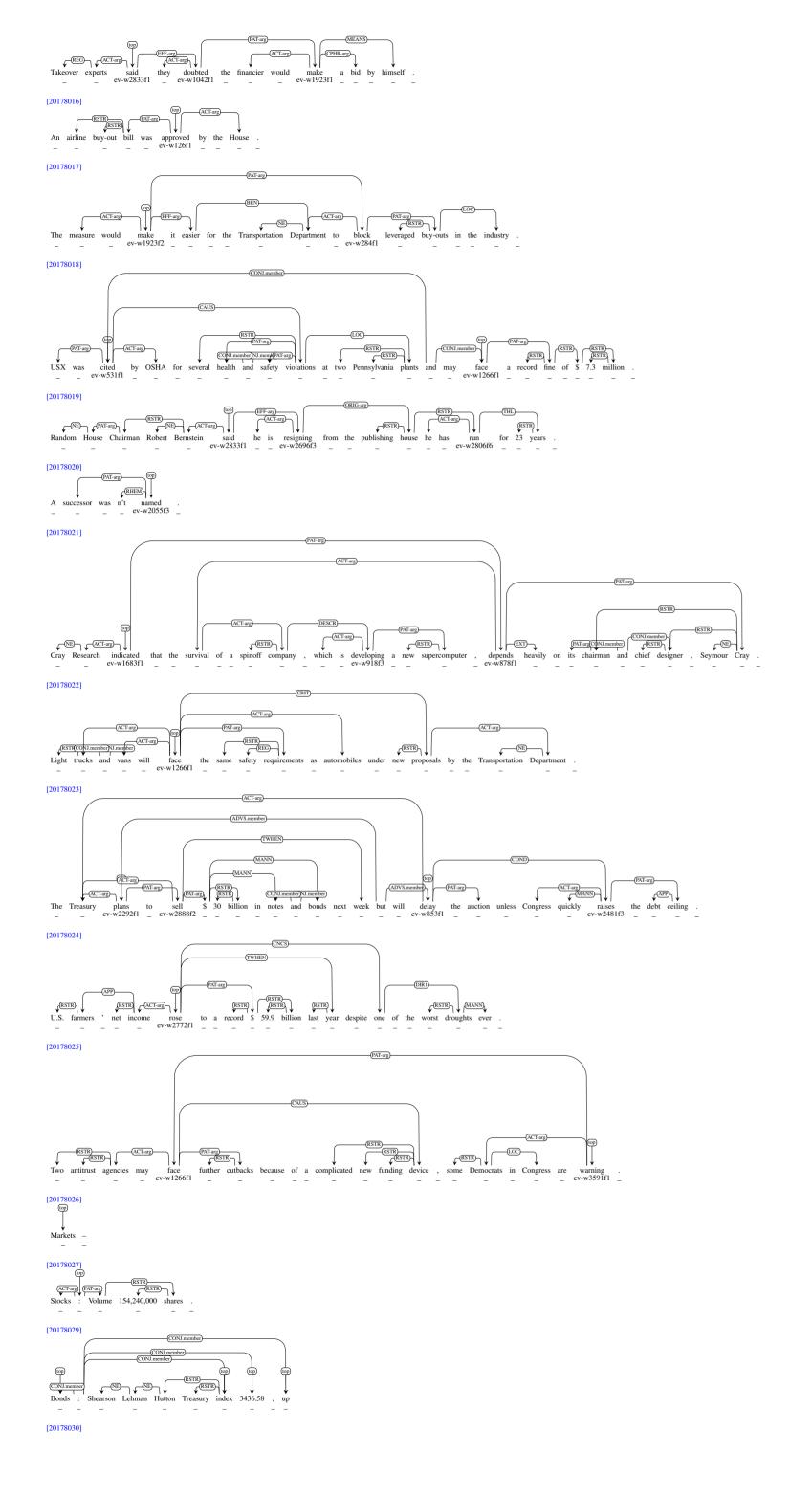
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Factory orders and construction outlays were largely flat in September , while purchasing agents said manufacturing shrank further in October .
 Still , many economists are n't predicting a recession anytime soon .
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                                                                                                               short-term interest rates due to the apparent slowing of the economy .
                                     [20178007]
  Campbell 's stock rose $ 3.375 , to $ 47.125 , in reaction .
  [20178008]
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  The Chicago Merc plans an additional "circuit breaker" to stem sharp drops in the market .
  [20178009]
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  Also , Big Board Chairman Phelan said he would support SEC halts of program trading during market crises but not any revival of a "collar" on trading .
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  Georgia Gulf received a new takeover bid from investor Harold Simmons and NL Industries of $ 50 a share , or about $ 1.1 billion .
 [20178011]
  The offer , which follows a $ 55-a-share bid that was rejected in September , steps up pressure on the chemicals concern .
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The minimum-wage bill worked out by Congress and Bush won easy approval in the House .
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