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Many fund managers have boosted their cash levels in recent weeks .

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The biggest flurry of investor activity came early in the day .

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Vanguard Group Inc. saw heavy exchanges from stock funds into money market funds after the telephone lines opened at 8:30 a.m .

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" In the first hour , the real nervous folks came along . " a spokesman said .

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" But the horrendous pace of call volume in the first half-hour slowed considerably . "

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At Scudder , Stevens & Clark Inc. , phone calls came in at 40 % more than the normal pace through early afternoon .

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Most of that increase came in the first hour after the phone lines opened at 8 a.m .

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As stocks rose , in fact , some investors changed course and reversed their sell orders .

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Many funds allow investors to void orders before the close of trading .

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At Fidelity 's office in downtown Boston , Gerald Sherman walked in shortly after 7:30 a.m. and placed an order to switch his retirement accounts out of three stock funds and into a money market fund .

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" It 's a nice feeling to know that things stabilized , " said Mr. Sherman , the 51-year-old co-owner of a discount department store .

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Shareholders have been steadily bailing out of several big junk funds the past several weeks as the \$ 200 billion market was jolted by a cash crunch at Campeau Corp. and steadily declining prices .

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Much of the money has been switched into money market funds , fund executives say .

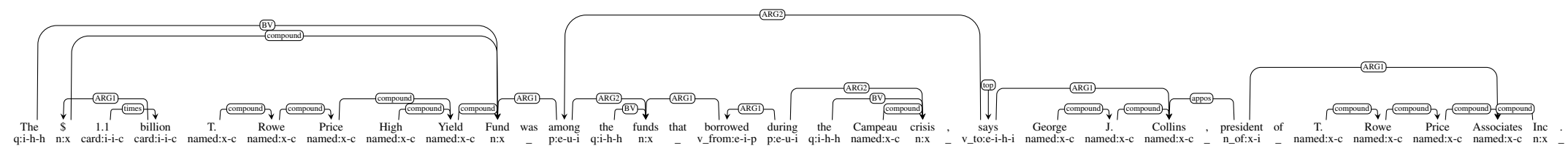
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Instead of selling bonds to meet redemptions , however , some funds have borrowed from banks to meet withdrawal requests .

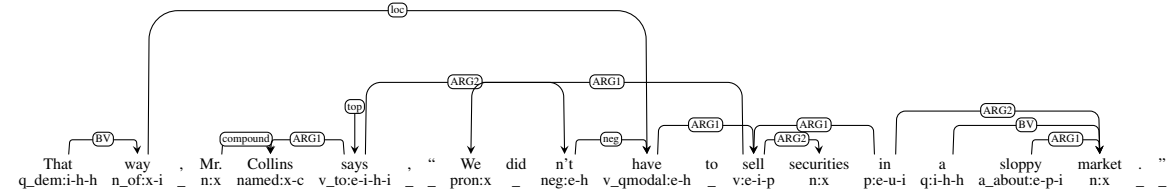
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This avoids knocking down prices further .

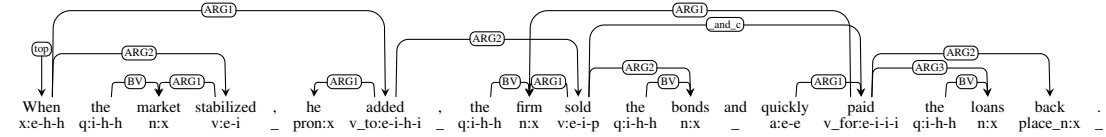
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