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ington—(AP)—Routed in immediate efforts to override President Roosevelt's veto of the Bankhead bill, the farm bloc sought a rear guard action to delay a senate test on the bill until a time it considers more opportune.

## 100 Strike Pittsburgh Steel Plant

Approximately 100 steel workers went on strike at the Edgar Thompson plant at Carnegie, Pa., today.

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Kutusin, a member of the committee of Local 1219, said the union protested the week ago.

## AT GATES DVOROSSISK

Sharp fighting broke out on the Donets river and in the delta, in the Caucasus, was by the Russians today as Soviet-German battlefronted better weather.

Kuban delta, where the reds have been said unofficially to be in the suburbs of Novorossiysk, the Black sea port, dislodged the Russians kept up an offensive and drove doggedly against the Germans against strong resistance.

Glue-Like Mud Fighting there extended over a wide area and was like glue-like mud and swollen.

Fighting flared on the river from south of Izyum to past Chuguev. Izyum is 22 miles east of Chuguev, southeast of Khar'kov. German's newest attacks on Izyum against a Soviet force were announced to have

John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers. Byrnes Pulling Strings Arrayed against them, however, they find a determined administration leadership with James F. Byrnes, the economic director—termed "the master strategist" by Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.)—pulling the strings behind the scenes to dispose of the measure now.

After carrying the brunt of the battle on the senate floor, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky told reporters he would fight to keep the bill from becoming "a shotgun behind the door" which might be used as an argument for altering present economic stabilization formulas.

Barkley told the senate today that if they keep the Bankhead bill behind the door of the agriculture committee as a club against John L. Lewis of the Mine Workers, "Mr. Lewis, not congress, may come out with the club."

Urges Veto Sustained Urging that President Roosevelt's veto of the controverted measure be sustained openly on the senate floor, Barkley declared:

"It has been suggested that the bill should be sent back to committee to be kept behind the door as a club against labor increases, with particular reference to John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers."

"Whatever you may think of John L. Lewis, he's a very able and skillful strategist. I am not so sure that if this bill is to be used as a club, that the club will not be used the other way. Mr. Lewis, instead of congress, may come out with the club."

The measure would force price control officials to disregard benefit payments made to farmers in establishing agricultural price ceilings. President Roosevelt said such a move would be inflationary, but the bill's supporters denied this.

Wants Issue Settled Bankhead claimed sufficient votes to retire his bill to the committee for another day's fighting and Barkley did not dispute his claim. But the Democratic leader said he thought the senate ought to settle the issue once and for all—not leave it plaguing the president in his attempts to "move on all fronts."

Mr. Roosevelt remarked at his press conference that the move to send the bill to committee was one way of not having to commit yourself.

Chairman Smith (D-S.C.), a backer of the measure, was not one who cheered the move to send the bill to committee. If the farm bloc couldn't pass it over the veto now, he said, he would not be in a hurry to



Photo by Klun WOUNDED—Pfc. Hubert Ritchie, above, was seriously wounded in the African fighting March 24. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ritchie, of Pittsville, were notified by the war department today.

## HUBERT RITCHIE BADLY WOUNDED

Pfc. Hubert Ritchie, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ritchie of Pittsville, formerly of Wisconsin Rapids, has been seriously wounded in North Africa, the parents were informed today.

No Details Given Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie were notified in a telegram from the war department that their son was wounded in the Tunisian fighting on March 24. No other details were given.

Ritchie is a graduate of Lincoln high school here, with the class of 1935. Before entering service as a volunteer on October 27, 1941, he was employed in the storeroom of the Consolidated mill.

Served in England After induction into the army at Fort Sheridan, Ritchie trained at Camp Croft, S. C., Camp Blandin, Fla., and Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in July 1942, serving in England and Scotland, and was with the American invasion forces that landed in North Africa November 7 of last year.

Stationed for a time in Algiers, Ritchie was then sent to the Tunisian front, where he served in the messages center of a headquarters company.

His twin brother, John, is now a second lieutenant at Camp Claiborne, La.

## Name Pallbearers for Hasbrouck Funeral

Stencil, 46-year-old farmer and shipyard worker, shot and killed his 16-year-old son, Donald, wounded his wife and two other children and then set fire to his home and barn, Sheriff Andrew Lom reported today.

Wife's Condition Serious The wife, Julia, was in serious condition in a hospital with shotgun slugs in her head and hands. A daughter, Elaine, 14, also was in a hospital with wounds in her arm and a strained back, and a son, Robert, 18, received wounds in his left arm. Condition of the boy and girl was not considered serious.

Stencil was arrested by Lom and two deputies, the sheriff said, as he stood beside his charred barn waving a shotgun. The officers ordered him to drop the gun and he complied, Lom said. His only explanation, according to Lom, was that "I guess I went nuts."

District Attorney Donald Gleason issued a first degree murder warrant, charging Stencil with the slaying of his son. He said arraignment would be delayed pending a sanity investigation.

The sheriff said that the son, Robert, related the following story: The three children, who were asleep upstairs of the farm home in the town of Glenmore, were awakened this morning by shots and cries for help from their mother who had been asleep with the father in a downstairs bedroom.

Rushing down they saw the father standing outside of the house and shooting through a window into the bedroom. He was clad only in long underwear.

Took Refuge in Bedroom The family ran upstairs and the father followed into the house, shooting up the stairway. All took refuge in a bedroom except Donald who peered around a corner of the wall down the staircase. As he looked out the father fired again and the boy fell dead.

Robert jumped out a window to summon help from a neighbor. He obtained a gun, but could get no ammunition. Returning he commanded the father to come out of the house, shouting to him that he, too, had a gun. The father fled from the house to the barn.

Sets Fire to House, Barn The mother and daughter then jumped out the window and were helped into automobiles driven up by neighbors. Stencil, in the meantime, set fire to the barn and house, using rags-soaked in kerosene. Both were destroyed. Also lost in the fire in the barn were 25 head of cattle, two horses and considerable new farm machinery that had been purchased last week.

The sheriff, who had been summoned by Merlin Schroeder, a fellow workman of Stencil, arrived shortly thereafter and took Stencil into custody. Schroeder had driven up to take Stencil to work at Sturgeon Bay.

Blame Head Injury Lom said that the wife told him that Stencil had acted "queer" on several occasions since he fell out of a haymow three years ago and fractured his skull, but had never before

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