

ONLY 7 MILE PATH LEFT HUNS OUTSIDE RANGE OF BIG GUNS

U. S. WILL OPERATE ALL WIRE ON AUG. 1

Nation's Telegraph and Telephone Systems to Be Operated Under Government Control, President Having Issued Executive Order

Present Rival Systems Will Be Combined and Services Increased; Discharged Keymen Are to Be Reinstated, Is Word.

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General Downfall in Western Oregon of Great Benefit to Willamette Valley Crops; Record Drouth Broken by Storm.

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GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER BRIDGE

Free Passage for Soldiers Between Portland and Vancouver Insured by Action.

CONTRACT ONLY SCRAP OF PAPER

District Attorney Gives Opinion on Employment of School Superintendent.

Divers Reported to Have Shelled Tugs

Baltimore, July 23.—(I. N. S.)—An official of a local towing and lightering company reported to the navy department yesterday here that an afternoon tug and two barges had been sunk by a German submarine near Norfolk, Va.

Turkey Agrees to Do Duty to Satisfy U. S.

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