

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

To make more dents in the Jones Bill takes lots of effort but, praise be, progress is reported. President Truman's signature, announced Tuesday, means there will be a further modification of laws governing transportation between British Columbia and Alaska. Carry on!

Use of a scythe has lately been necessary in Prince Rupert as lush grass grew higher. To be able to swing this blade is neither so simple or easy. It's deuced hard work when the sun has power and there are acres of future hay to cut. On many a Canadian farm when the Dominion was younger, sharpening the scythe on the good old grindstone was a customary prelude to the day's program. There would be no blood or tears but verily there would be sweat before it ended. And it

was a day where eight hours had no meaning.

A Prince Rupert audience, comments an observant sports writer, will often cheer the losing team but will not acclaim the winners, no matter how well the latter play the game from all points of view. There seems no explanation, unless it is that even the modest success risks unpopularity. And that's been known to happen—which brings us back to the old axiom that "misery likes company."

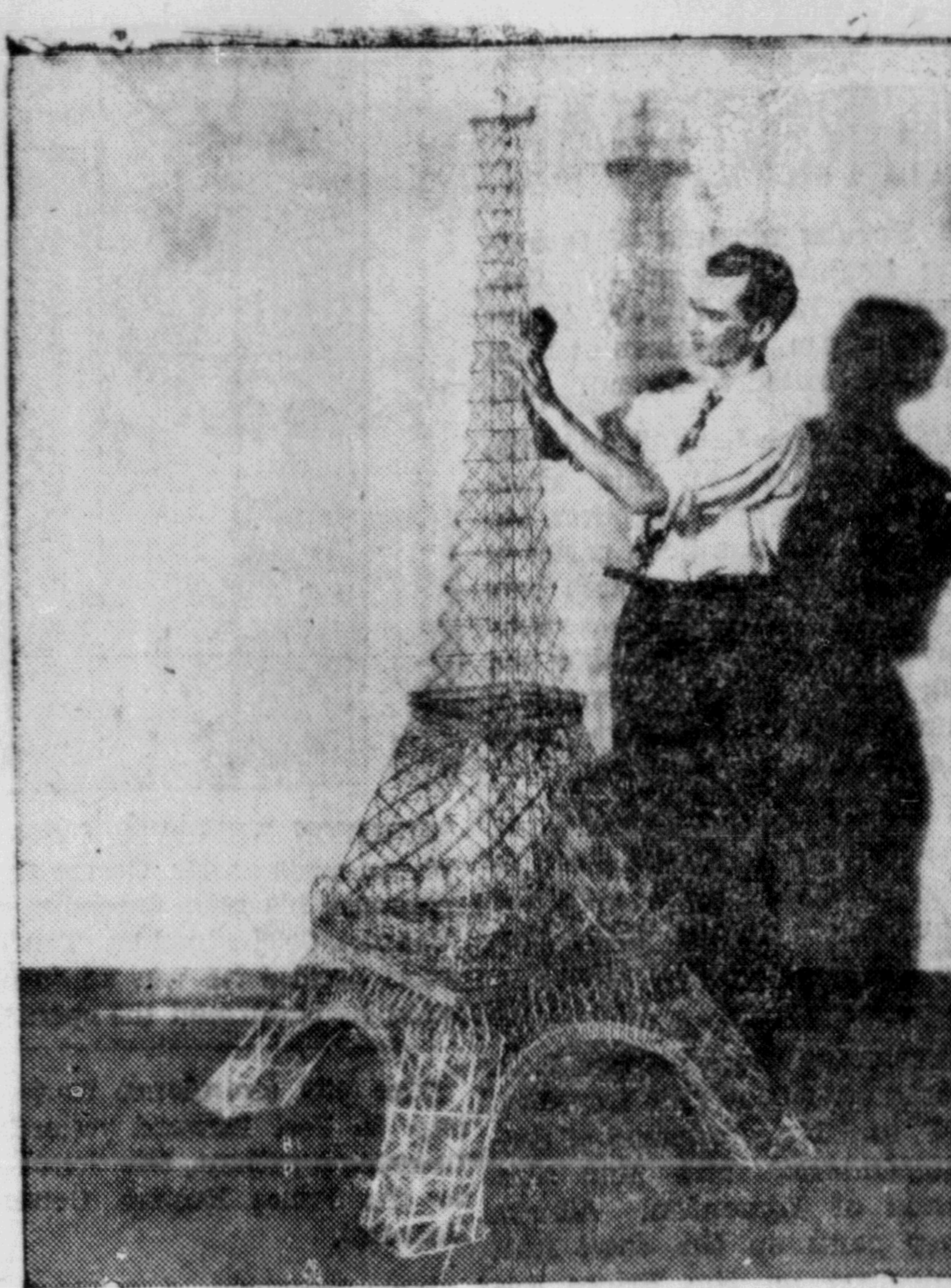
When earthquake and fire wrecked San Francisco a few years after the turn of the century, a journalist born and brought up in that city held a job in New York. He was four thousand miles away but any time he wished to behold his home town, all he needed to do

was seek a quiet spot and close his eyes. Earthquake news was sketchy. All anyone knew was that power and water pipes had broken, great buildings, if not razed, were unsafe, and fires were spreading. The clamor for news in detail had become insistent. The fellow from the west coast had the picture and in a few hours he drew it—to the extent of about eight columns. Knowing the city so well no part of it was neglected by the San Franciscan with the typewriter. And, later on, when the opportunity to check, arrived, it was pleasant to realize the story was substantially correct in all essentials.

It used to be "don't you know there's a war on?" when some patient customer suggested a more prompt and satisfactory service. Later on, it changed to "I'll bet that fellow is a communist" when some mysterious, possibly unjustified suspicion, appearing stranger aroused your For the next week or so it will be "Say, did you feel that? Surely it can't be more tremors, yet it could be" as a heavy truck rumbles past the house.

Fred J. Smythe, the man who turned out the only history ever written of southeastern British Columbia, "Tales of the Kootenays" is dead at his home in Cranbrook. He was a veteran of nearly sixty years in the newspaper business and was one of the last of the handset printers. An old friend, Fred Kemp-ton, until recently a member of the local city telephone staff, and now located in the south, remembers him well. Well equipped as Mr. Smythe undoubtedly was to write his "Tales of the Kootenays," he performed, at the same time, a valuable public service.

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There are still no catches of tuna being landed here. The fish are off Marble Island west coast of Queen Charlottes, and a few have been caught by boats belonging to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association but in no quantity and, certainly not enough to warrant any boat to come into port with a catch.

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Baseball Upheaval

Crisis Follows Resignation of Merchants' Mentor

The earthquake that shook the city was not the only upheaval experienced in Prince Rupert since the first of the week. An eruption in the ranks of the Merchants' entry in the City Baseball League has shaken the organization to the foundation. It all started with the resignation of Johnny Odowes as manager of the team.

Odowes was appointed manager of the All Star team for the Smithers series when Alex Bill was absent from the city. Johnny states that he had the lineup for the games arranged apparently as recommended by Alex Bill but player interference before the game caused changes in the line-up. That, with another incident that followed, was the basis for his decision to quit the Merchant team rather than cause further friction. Odowes states that he had no disagreement or controversy with the league sponsored Merchant team.

Odowes took the easiest but, possibly, not the best way out of the situation. He might have disciplined the player or players involved in the All Star incident.

Following the manager's decision to quit, two players resolved to follow suit. They are John Rosedale and Dave Abel. When questioned on his reason for leaving the team, Rosedale would not commit himself to a definite answer but stated that it was something that had been brewing for some time. On the same question, Abel said he would rather not give his reason.

All three have stated their intention of joining other clubs in the league. However, the league constitution states in one clause that no team may sign a player after mid-season without the sanction of the league executive. It is unlikely that the league will allow the players to join another team unless they can supply a good reason for refusing to play with the Mer-

chants. This is especially true in the light of the fact that a cash prize has been offered by the league for the team winning the pennant. Thus something material is at stake. The Merchants had a chance to take the prize as they stood, but can be written off as a contender in their present state.

Before Odowes made his resignation known he authorized the release of the two players. It is not certain whether a clause

in the constitution held to settle the when one of the due to return to ent Art Murray to deal with the full exerec



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