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S.S. Hakousaki MARU Thursday Jan 12th 1928.

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The little Jap stewards are wonderful & I have a little slant eyed stewardess with a perpetual smile.

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I do not suppose you will find this boat mentioned in the shipping news of the D.T. & I do not expect I shall be able to give you more definite news than that I expect to be home either late Jan 22nd or sometime Jan 23. you might be able to find out through

Cooks or through the offices of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Shipping company. (but the best thing is to expect me when you see me.)

Love to you both & all friends.

Your loving daughter – Myrtle –