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The Tartar & Athenian have been purchased by Japanese. Athenian will arrive today & sail for Orient on Aug 22. Tartar will sail for Hong Kong Sept 11, arrive Vancouver Oct 8 & commence last trip to Orient Oct 17. Will be handed over on Nov 11 at Kobe.

Tartar & Athenian slow & too small. Can accommodate only 2,600 - 3,000 tons of freight were brought to Pacific coast from England during Klondike rush of 1897. Purchased from Union Line operating from England to Capetown. Placed on Skagway run from Vancouver. Too big for trade - even though they took the outside passage. Were chartered to U.S. Gov't & used as transports during Spanish American War for two years. Then placed in trade between Canada & Orient by C.P.R.