

even they do not usually have that many on board. I venture to say, and I believe I can show good reasons, that nobody connected with the navigation of these vessels, not even the U. S. local inspectors, consider it safe to allow such crowds to board the vessels."

After the Cleveland convention of

evidence that leads to the conclusion he will vote with the ship owners.

He is using as his argument the cry of the ship owners' trust that big boats cannot carry the number of lifeboats required by the bill.

"How can a boat carrying 4,000 passengers take along a sufficient number of lifeboats?" Britten asked



Senator Bob LaFollette.

the ship owners a delegation will be sent to Washington for the express purpose of blocking its passage by the House.

They are already singing their siren song to the members of the House in an endeavor to whip the bill.

It is very probable they will fail. The Senate passed it in a way that illustrated their belief in it. The senators understood that it was too decent and human a bill to bury.

Congressman Fred A. Britten of the North Side has already shown

Victor Olander, and he beamed triumphantly.

"I don't know," replied Olander, frankly, "do you?" And Britten was stumped.

It may be certain that a lake steamer carrying 4,000 passengers cannot carry sufficient lifeboats to protect all the passengers, but God-made laws, as well as man-made statutes, demand that those passengers be protected on the water.

It will be interesting to watch the fight over this bill.