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{TRAUTMANN'S "REASONING."}

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WE are informed that at the Paterson meeting for the Ettore and Giovannetti defense fund, Wm. E. Trautmann of the Anarch-I.W.W. referred to the arrest of Rudolph Katz of the I.W.W. as a proof that "whatever policy, legal or illegal, you may follow the result is the same." The striking arm of indignation, at the calamities that Anarchy calls down upon the head of the working class, is almost lamed by the childish imbecility of such "reasoning" as that of the Trautmanns. According to these perambulating lumps of empty-headedness, a course of legality, that compels the wrong-doing capitalists to place themselves entirely in the wrong, is no wiser a course or more promiseful, than a course of illegality, that places in the hands of the wrong-doing capitalists the handle whereby to add to their malefactions in the justifiable panoply of preservers of elemental order.

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