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abandon them, after delivering them
from European thraldom would be an act of cowardice on our part and
one that we cannot afford to be guilty

But a few months a go Germany, made a sortie on Ciao Chua, bay and compelled China, to give up consider-
able soil simply because she was not physically able to defend it against German aggression. Her next step will be the subjugation of the Phil-
ippines. Our commercial interests are as dear to us as theirs 18 to-them and just as necessary to our welffare
in the future. There is no justifying vandalism and if it is a game grab and keep the United States must be up and doing or in a shor time she will find herself left out in
the cold. It does not justify the Uuited. States to steal provinces because other countries are doing it,
but we are justified in protecting the ature commercial interests of our county if it is threatened by the
conciousless cussedness of Europe. The only true principle for us under Old Glory floats ovor those islands now and forever.
With Jobn Bull at Hong Kong, Uncle Sam at Manila, and Japan dare interfere.
THE ISLANDS WE READ AB The Islands of Caba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, each are located near enough the equator to make
them all tropical countries and their them all tropical countries and their
fertility is so great that very little work is necessary to produce an ubundant crop of tropical fruits and
vegatables. The palm trees that grows there are said to be capable of furnishing food, water fuel and
shelter for tha natives. The fruit of the palm is said to be very palitable and bealthy. The pith of the heart furnishes water for man or
beasts when squeased out and it is beasts when squeased out and parts of
claimed that catt le in some par Cuba, get no other water during the dry season. The leaves which grow in a bunch close to the top will reach
the great length of six feet and ca be doubled in the shape of a kittle,
and as long as water is kept in them they will not burn but serve to cook
the food for the natives in. Then they are used for Tarpaulins in the rany season to cover goods, and
also for covering the frame work of a shack. Thereby protecting natives from the raise of the sun the downpour of rain. They are
also used for hats and the tree itself is very good for lumber. It has no growing softer towards the heart and is so easily sq'it that boards can be split from it tolay floors or side a

## house

Very little work is necessary for
n existance for the man who wants
nothing more than a living, and industry and intelligence are always richly rewarded. Some of the an-
imals in the United States who are indigenious to the Ozar ks and Alleghanes, and who never do more
than to hunt and fish for a living would find these Islands a veritable paridise.
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