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At every stage of events in the Philippines prophets of the dismal order present the dark side of the situation. They never seem to be discouraged by the collapse of their predictions. No sooner is one phase of affairs cleared up favorably than a fresh chapter of dismalism is opened. Three months ago they insisted that it would take an army of 50,000 men to drive Aguinaldo's army out of its works. But 10,000 proved enough. Then expenditures in the Philippines were estimated by opponents of the treaty at hundreds of millions a year. The real figures are quite moderate, with some revenue as an offset. Even the annexation of Hawaii drew forth a warning that it would be necessary to maintain there a strong army and fleet. A few soldiers sufficed and the presence even of one cruiser is not required. There has been talk of a spirit of revolt in Cuba and Porto Rico, but all that has happened is distinctly encouraging.

A favorite assertion of the pessimistic class is that the Philippines can not be quieted for years. But the change for the better within two weeks has been remarkable. The natives will be given all the home rule they can maintain successfully, and many are finding out that they have no reason for further fighting. The calamity prophet will not down, however. If there had been anything retiring in his nature he would have quit after the presidential campaign of 1896. That was truly a culmination of dreadful forebodings of universal ruin if the gold standard prevailed. Yet the decision to stick to the 100c dollar has been followed by one of the greatest eras of national prosperity. Those who are gloomy in regard to the Philippines will draw it mild if they care to be warned by their uniform failure to make a true forecast of American progress.

A SAD ANNIVERSARY.

Last night marked the 34th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln by J. Wilkes Booth, in Ford's theater, Washington City. It was just at the close of the civil war, on the eve of the present generation springing into existence. The Telegram says: The occasion was a horrible one, convulsing the entire nation. Those of the past generation yet alive, when recalling the tragedy to their minds, shudder at it to this day. President Lincoln had just saved the Union from dismemberment, and was about seeking comparative rest, such as he had not known in four dreary, troublous years, when he suddenly was ushered into eternal life and immortalized on earth.

What a difference between April 14, 1865, and April 14, 1899! Then the United States was entering upon an era of renewed peace. Now this country is embroiled in difficulties

in various parts of the globe, and those who were opposing each other during the rebellion are, in 1899, fighting side by side against foreign foes. Strange conditions are brought about by the mutations of time. The war with Spain has obliterated all sectional lines in the United States, and at this moment the nation is more compact than ever before.

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