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Whatever can be said of the past year, it was not exactly dull. The normal tragedy and comedy of the news was changed to sharp peaks of violence, of new developments, of old disappointments. The pace was in fast tempo. This, in a way, softens the realization of many truths that suddenly burst upon us in the news of the hour for most people are beginning to feel that as the word travels quickly, so also does the time that heals the bruises. Tomorrow there will be another paragraph to read and another to forget. The people of the nation will remember long the loss of a president, but will probably forget the details and in time pick up the shocking memories as the historians will want them to be written down. Perhaps that is why we welcome new years, so that in changing a date we can also shed a cloak of worries worn threadbare in the months just passed. That we put on another cloak of similar cloth is immaterial. It is new ... and with hope may wear better than before.

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The state Supreme Court has given the state the right to restrict Indian net fishing, reversing a previous decision that treaty rights still held. As always, past agreements have a way of becoming unworkable when carried beyond the era for which they were inscribed. More and more the theory of law is "what is good for us now."