

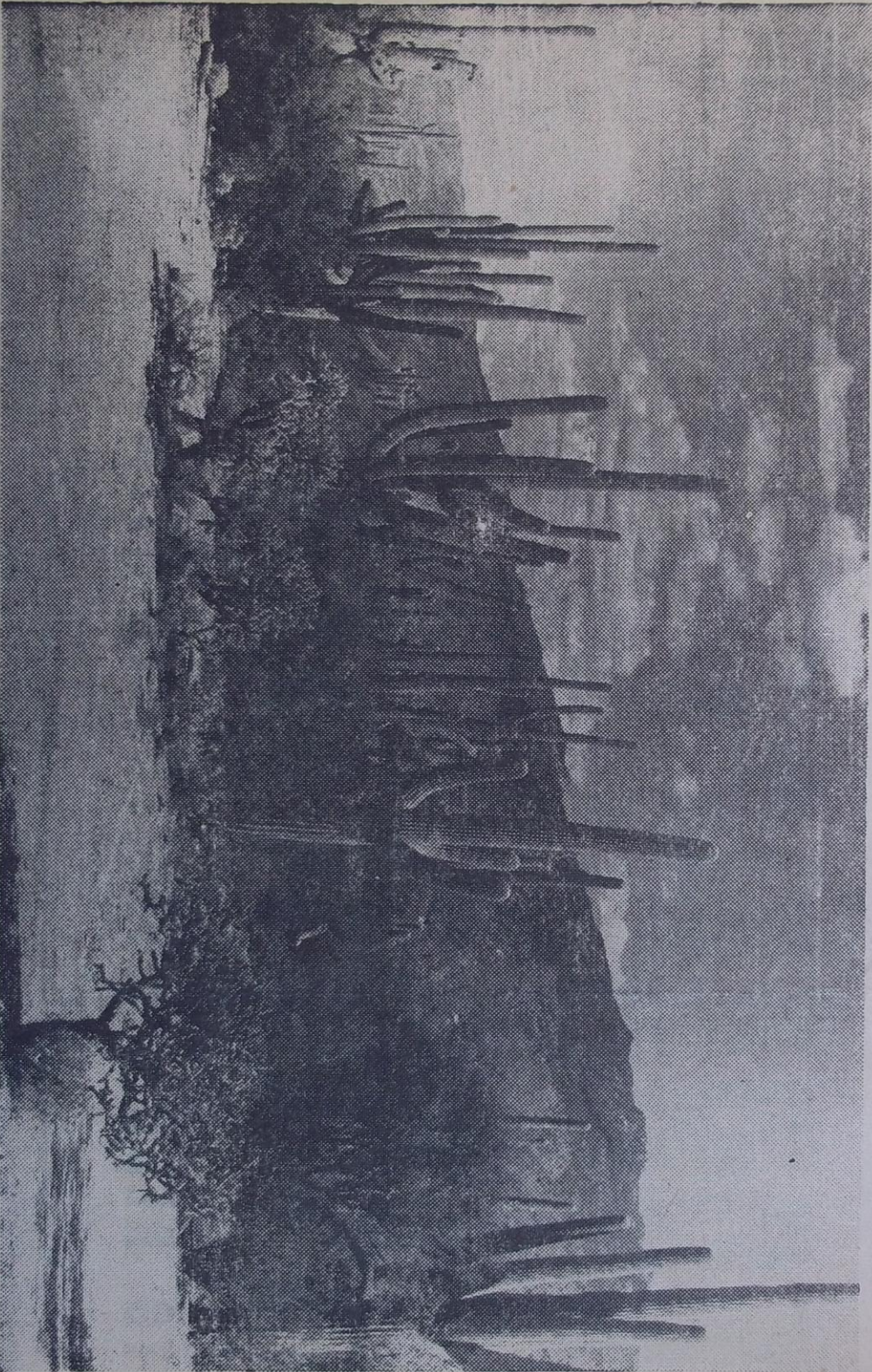
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# NATIONAL MONUMENT IS FINEST DESERT CACTUS GARDEN

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**ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA.**—Another member of the cactus family which grows abundantly in this national monument is the majestic saguaro. It attains heights several times taller than a man. Through this national area passes the historic Camino del Diablo—the Devil's Highway. Mat No. 164

Family Mr. and Mrs. Ford had spent last winter

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**A Threat to the National Parks**

The overwhelming concern in Congress about war and national defense has naturally deflected public interest from such projects as one that has just passed both houses of Congress in the form of a bill to permit mining within the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona. Innocent enough on its face, this would establish a precedent for invasion of national monument and national park areas for commercial purposes. No one believes that there is much likelihood that important mining deposits may be found within the Organ Pipe National Monument. The territory has been completely prospected during the last forty years. If this bill is signed by the President the enemies of the national park system will take fresh heart and plot new depredations. But so small, comparatively speaking, is the total area in national parks and monuments compared to the area not thus protected that it seems only reasonable not to use the war—or any other excuse—to break down the fundamental principle governing their establishment as public preserves: that they shall be kept for all time for the enjoyment and edification of the people, and shall be protected from commercial development.

Fortunately, President Roosevelt has repeatedly shown his interest in conservation in general and in the national parks and monuments in particular. It is to be hoped, therefore, that he will see his way clear to vetoing this particular bill. It cannot be justified either on an emergency or a long-term basis.

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