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and dress-parade (1 hr. before sunset) are great attractions to the visitor. The fort is garrisoned by a battalion of heavy artillery and is the seat of the Artillery School of the U. S. Army. Jefferson Davis was confined here for a year and a half after the Civil War, and then released without a trial. Off-shore is the low island of the *Rip-Raps*, almost covered by the works of *Fort Wool*.

Pleasant excursions may be made from Old Point Comfort to *Norfolk* (p. 371), *Hampton* (3 M.), *Newport News* (p. 371), etc. — The *Hampton Roads Golf Course* affords good sport.

68. From Norfolk to Roanoke.

257 M. NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R. in 8½ hrs. (fare \$7.70; sleeper \$2). — This line traverses the district around *Petersburg* (see below), the seat of the final struggles of the Civil War.

Soon after leaving *Norfolk* (see p. 371) the train skirts the N. margin of the *Great Dismal Swamp*, which may be visited from (23 M.) *Suffolk* (55 ft.), at the head of the *Nansemond River*.

The *Dismal Swamp*, 40 M. long and 35 M. wide, is intersected by small canals and yields a large quantity of cypress, juniper, and other timber. At *Suffolk* we may hire a man and a canoe to paddle us as far as (10 M.) *Lake Drummond* and back by the *Jericho Run Canal*, a novel and interesting trip.

We now traverse a district of pine-forest. Beyond (68 M.) *Disputanta* (115 ft.) we approach the scene of the battles of 1864-65.

81 M. *Petersburg* (*Imperial, Shirley*, \$2-3; *Rail. Restaurant*), a manufacturing town of 22,680 inhab., on the *Appomattox*, is of interest as the centre of the final operations of the Civil War. The ivy-clad ruins of the old *Blandford Church* are picturesque. A large stone bowl, at the N. end of the railway-bridge over the *Appomattox*, is known as 'Pocahontas' Wash Basin'.

Battlefields. When Grant crossed to the S. side of the James River in June, 1864 (comp. p. 369), he made *City Point* his base of supplies and spread his lines towards the W., so as to shut up Lee and his Confederate forces in Petersburg. The so-called *Siege of Petersburg* lasted from June 16th, 1864, to April 2nd, 1865; and during its continuance 13 pitched battles were fought in the neighbourhood. The intrenchments of Lee and Grant still form conspicuous features in the landscape; Grant's lines extended from the *Appomattox* to *Fort Fisher*, and thence E. to *Fort Cross*, a distance of 23 M. One of the best-known engagements was that of the *Old Crater*, to the E. of the city, on *Griffith's Farm*, where a small museum of war-relics is shown. Carriages (\$1-1½ per hr.) and saddle-horses to visit the entrenchments and battlefields may be hired at the Petersburg hotels, and guides may also be obtained.

Petersburg was also the scene of important military operations in the War of Independence (1781).

From Petersburg to (23 M.) *Richmond*, see p. 388.

As we leave Petersburg, we see, to the right, the large *Virginia Normal & Collegiate Institute*, for coloured students. The country traversed is unattractive. At (133 M.) *Burkeville* we intersect the Southern Railway (R. 69a). Beyond (141 M.) *Rice* we cross the *Appomattox Valley* by a lofty iron bridge (view). At (149 M.) *Farmville*, with lithia springs, we enter a fruit, tobacco, and corn growing

region. — Near (181 M.) *Appomattox*, at *Appomattox Court House*, the Civil War ended on April 9th, 1865, in the surrender of Lee and his forces to General Grant.

Farther on (198 M.) we cross the *James River* and approach (204 M.) **Lynchburg** (525 ft.; *Carroll*, \$2½; *Arlington*, \$2; *Rail. Restaurant*), an industrial and tobacco-exporting city of 19,709 inhab., picturesquely situated on the S. bank of the James. It is the junction of the Southern Ry. (see below). — Beyond Lynchburg we pass through a tunnel and begin to ascend towards the Blue Ridge Mts. The finely-shaped **Peaks of Otter* (3875-4000 ft.) are seen to the right. They are best reached by carriage (7 M.) from (229 M.) *Bedford* (950 ft.; *Beechenbrook*, \$2), a small town with 2897 inhab. and various industries. To the right, beyond it, is the handsome *Randolph-Macon Academy*. — At (246 M.) *Blue Ridge* (1240 ft.), with mineral springs and a hotel (\$3), we begin to descend on the other side of the crest.

257 M. **Roanoke** (910 ft.; **Hotel Roanoke*, \$2½-3; *Ponce de Leon*, \$2-4; *Rockledge, Lee*), finely situated on the *Roanoke*, among the Blue Hills, has grown, since 1880, from the insignificant hamlet of *Big Lick* (500 inhab.), to a busy city of 16,159 inhab., with large machine, iron, bridge, carriage, and other manufactories. It is the junction of various branches of the Norfolk & Western R. R., including that through the *Shenandoah Valley* (see R. 69b).

69. From Washington to New Orleans.

a. Viâ Southern Railway.

1144 M. RAILWAY in 33½ hrs. (fare \$27.50; sleeper \$7). Through vestibled train (resembling that described at p. 305) from New York to New Orleans in 43 hrs. (fare \$34; sleeper \$9).

From *Washington* the line runs at first towards the S.W. Numerous earth-works and rifle-pits; grim mementoes of the Civil War, catch the eye on both sides of the line. 7 M. *Alexandria* (p. 289). — 33 M. *Manassas* (315 ft.; *Goodwin Ho.*, \$2) was the scene of two battles during the Civil War (monument to the right).

In the first *Battle of Manassas or Bull Run* (July 21st, 1861), which was the first important conflict of the war, the Federals under McDowell were routed by the Confederates under Beauregard and thrown back on *Washington*. In the second battle (Aug. 29-30th, 1862), fought on almost the same ground, 3 M. to the right, Lee defeated the Federals under Pope.

At (57 M.) *Rappahannock* we cross the river of that name. 68 M. *Culpeper* was an important point during the Civil War and is now the site of a National Cemetery. The *Rapidan River*, which we cross at (79 M.) *Rapidan*, was another name frequently heard during the struggle in Virginia. 85 M. *Orange*. — At (113 M.) **Charlottesville** (p. 340; *Rail. Restaurant*) we intersect the C. & O. R. R. (R. 58b). We continue to run thence towards the S.W., with the *Blue Ridge* at some distance to the right. — At (173 M.) **Lynchburg** (*Rail.*