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The "old" Shenandoah River bridge (mentioned in this story) was constructed in 1844 at a location about 300 yards upriver from 'The Point.' (approximate location identified by the dashed line. [Please also see pages: 350 & 351.]) Where, since 1818, the Federal Government had operated a rope ferry across to Loudoun Heights. This bridge was built for foot, wagon, and horse traffic only; no railroad use. The wooden superstructure of the 1844 Shenandoah Bridge was damaged by a wind storm early in 1859 and repaired. However, it was burned down by Confederate troops in 1861. After our Civil War, a "new" Shenandoah River Bridge was built in 1882, downriver, near the 'Point.' Unfortunately, it was swept away during the flood of 1889; nonetheless, it was rebuilt. (The "new" bridge is pointed out in this 1906 photo.) Ultimately this bridge was destroyed during the 1936 flood and never rebuilt. (The three original 1882 stone piers are still viewable today from "The Point." [Note of Interest: The Potomac river flows from West to East, while the Shenandoah River flows from South to North, into the Potomac.]