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Church is visible long before reaching St. Petersburg. The steamer arrives at Cronstadt after a sail of eight hours and a half, and, passing its docks filled with shipping, arrives in another hour at its place of anchorage near St. Petersburg. The widely spread Empire of Russia embraces over one half the area of the European Continent, while its Asiatic possessions are three times the extent of those in Europe; and its territory in Finland and the Caucasus is nearly double the area of our Middle States. The whole of this vast region covers an area of 8,000,724 square miles, being more than double all our states and territories, including Alaska, and contains a population of 81,725,428. These statistics are taken from the "Annuaire Statistique de la Russie," published in 1871 in the Russian language, and by authority of the government. These vast possessions form almost a continuous region over nearly two thirds of the earth's circumference, and are naturally divided into three parts. The southern portion, called the steppe or prairie land, is everywhere the same--burned up with heat in summer, a vast expanse of snow in winter, but during the spring months glowing with verdure and luxuriant pasturage. The middle portion is composed of forest, morass, and arable land, embracing a most fertile corn-growing region. The northern portion is beyond the growth of trees, and contains but ice-covered plains that border the Arctic Ocean, buried three quarters of the year under ice and snow. The empi...