

TO EXPEL KROPOTKIN.

Switzerland Likely to Obey the Demand of Russia.

BERNE, May 23.—Prince Kropotkin, the famous Russian publicist, whose home is in England, but who for the past few weeks has been living quietly at Locarno, is again the subject of Russian attention, this time by representations made to the Swiss Government which may cause him to be expelled from the country.

It seems that the decree of expulsion invoked against the Prince is dated thirty-two years ago. Now, were Kropotkin simply a murderer or other common criminal, he could live in Switzerland as freely as in England, as these decrees lapse after thirty years.

The inhabitants of Locarno have expressed their indignation at the decree, but the Federal authorities, urged on by the St. Petersburg Government, seem adamant. Two years ago the same pitiful business took place, the Government attempting to bully the local authorities into carrying out a decree of expulsion, against which the people of Locarno, three cantons, and the local medical men who were treating Kropotkin for a severe attack of influenza, were vigorously protesting.

The Federal Government spoke of sending gendarmes into Locarno to carry out the expulsion decree, which the local authorities strenuously refused to sanction. On that occasion the protest was at last successful, and Kropotkin was allowed to remain.

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