

PRINCE KROPOTKIN, NIHILIST, DIES AT 79

Russian Geographer and Au- thor's Last Days Spent in Moscow in Privation.

LONDON, Jan. 29. — Prince Peter Alexevich Kropotkin, Russian geographer, author and revolutionary leader, is dead in Moscow, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Prince Kropotkin was descended from the old Russian nobility, and was born at Moscow in 1842. It was his father's plan that he should enter the army, and at the age of 15 he entered the Corps of Pages at Petrograd. Here he remained until 1862, when he was assigned to a Siberian Cossack regiment in the Amur district.

Prince Kropotkin resigned from the army in 1867 and returned to Petrograd, where he entered the university and became secretary to the physical geography section of the Russian Geographical Society. He continued in this work until 1872, when he announced his Socialistic views, visiting Switzerland later in the same year and becoming a member of the International Workingmen's Association at Geneva. The tendencies of this body were not advanced enough for his views, and a short time later he definitely adopted the creed of anarchism, returning to Russia and taking an active part in spreading nihilist propaganda. In 1874 he was arrested and imprisoned, but escaped two years later and managed to flee from Russia to England. He later went to the Continent and was expelled from Switzerland by the Government of that country following the assassination of Emperor Alexander II. of Russia in 1881.

The remainder of his period of exile was spent for the most part in Germany and France, although he spent some time in England. He returned to Russia in 1917 and was invited to join the Kerensky Cabinet. Recent dispatches have reported him in straitened circumstances, and German Socialists recently made an appeal for assistance to be sent him.