



Honors for Veterans of Belgium's War of Independence.

Finally the crash came with dramatic suddenness. When his excellency, Peter A. Alberti, former minister and millionaire, was walking up to the central police station in Copenhagen and gave himself up on charge, at the same time lodging an accusation against himself for his extensive frauds, the police officers thought that he suddenly had gone mad and telephoned for a doctor to attend him. But the doctor, who had known Alberti could persuade them that he really was sane, and that he was nothing more than a common criminal who had been deceived through his own credulity. His excellency, Peter A. Alberti, the favorite of the king, the mediaeval trial by ordeal, the trial by the ordeal of the masses, now is awaiting his trial for offenses which cannot be expiated under Danish law by less than 10 years' penal servitude.

Amid all his villainies Alberti had sufficient conscience to make provision for his wife and children. He had been married from his family, and which therefore was acquired lawfully, he made over to her, in her own right, a fortune of 100,000 kroner, so that when her future is at least secure from want and destitution.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN.