

of Miss Ollie Glass, his common-law wife, was excluded from the court room from 3 p. m., until adjournment of court at 6:45 p. m., today while Deiterle and George Bing, special investigator of the states attorney's office were placed on the stand to tell their versions of the manner in which an alleged confession was obtained the day after Deiterle's arrest July 22.

## French Swindle Being Uncovered

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A gigantic swindle, resulting in losses to "investors" of perhaps \$20,000,000 echoed in the chambers of deputies today and reached the cabinet. Two arrests have been made and authorities declare that the case may equal the operations of Ponzi in the United States and cause as much sensation here as the Panama Canal scandals.

The affair got into the chamber of deputies when M. Chastenet, socialist member from Isere, interpolated Premier Poincare as to "what measure he intended to take to prevent similar occurrences in the future," the member adding that he stood ready to name two cabinet ministers who were closely interested in financial companies of a character "not unlike that which has just collapsed."

M. Poincare refused to discuss the status of his involved ministers, he did, however, say that sterner supervision was being created for control of such projects.

## POLICE SEEKING CLEW IN DEATH BY CLUBBING

ATLANTA, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Solution of the mysterious slaying of Robert M. Brandon by daylight tomorrow was predicted by police tonight, as three Atlanta detectives left the city on the trail of the man they declared to be the slayer.

Brandon who was vice president and manager of Barclay and Brandon Undertaking company, was killed last night as he drove his

# REAL ESTATE MEN SENTENCED

## "Okeechobee Shores" Officials Face Fines or Imprisonment

MIAMI, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Harold B. Long, who was president, and Frank L. Finch, who was secretary of the Manchester Realty Corporation, "owners and developers of 'Okeechobee Shores,'" subdivision during the 1925 real estate boom, pleaded guilty before Judge William I. Grubb in U. S. District Court today to indictments charging use of the United States mails in the fraudulent promotion of real estate sales.

Long was sentenced to 15 months in the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary, suspended upon good behaviour during the next five years and fined \$2,500. Finch was fined \$1,500. Both were allowed six months time to pay the fines.

### Fraudulent Claims.

They made fraudulent representations concerning the ownership and financial backing and the proposed development of 1,143 acres of land on the east side of Lake Okeechobee in Martin county. Their literature described "Okeechobee Shores" as "A city of unwavering opportunity."

There are fifteen other mail fraud cases in connection with real estate sales on the docket, one involving Fulford-by-the-Sea, which is scheduled to come up for trial at the spring term of court.

John Middleton, 28, of Long Beach, Cal., who was found guilty in federal court of violating the alien smuggling act, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the Atlanta, Ga., federal penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$100. He was picked up at sea off Key West last August after a small boat in which he and several aliens from Cuba had been riding exploded. Middleton and the aliens were rescued by the Steam-