

Book Review: The Sanctity of the Law, By John W. Burgess

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"The Progress of Codification In 1927."

"The Hague Conventions and the Nullity of Arbitral Awards."

"The Legal Remedy in Cases of Excess of Jurisdiction."

"Territorial Limits in the British Channel, the Frageries' Case."

"The Principle of Personal Law."

"Arbitration and Conciliation."

"Return of Alien Enemy Property by the United States."

"The Case of the *Lotus*."

The third part of the book takes up decisions, opinions and awards of international tribunals under which are the following:

"Judgments and Advisory Opinions of the Permanent Court of International Justice:

1. The Factory at Chorzow.
2. Case of S.S. *Lotus*.
3. Case of the Re-Adaptation of the Mavrommatis Jerusalem Concessions.
4. Jurisdiction of the European Commission of the Danube."

"Decisions of the American-Mexican Mixed Claims Commission."

"The Tripartite Claims Commission-United States, Austria and Hungary."

"Work of the German-American Mixed Claims Commission."

The two articles which appear under "Decisions of National Tribunals Involving Points of International Law" are "Digest of the Decisions of the English Courts During the Year 1927" and "De Facto Government and State Succession—Decisions of New York Supreme Court."

A review of books and a bibliography of books on international law then follows.

There is also a summary of events of the year 1927, which is compiled by the Royal Institute of International Affairs. In this summary the respective countries and their international happenings are listed.

The book ends with "General International Agreements, under which heading are summarized the international agreements of the various countries as to various affairs.

EUGENE M. HAERTLE

The Sanctity of the Law. By John W. Burgess; Harper and Brothers Publishers, 1928; pages vii, 345.

This book, *The Sanctity of the Law*, contains, in the concise words of the author, "the story of man's attainment of law and order from the Roman times to the present." It reads like an interesting history book of the rise and fall of the men and nations of Europe in their striving for a competent sanctity or inviolability of law. It gives the philosophy of the rise and fall of the early Roman's idea of law; then in turn deals with the rise and recession of the idea of the Church as being the sole means of giving, and living according to, the civil law; then it tells of the trials of states and nations in their attempts to draw up their own sanctified or inviolable law, and of their never ending succession of wars and conflicts.

It is written somewhat as a thesis, though an unfinished one, for history is ever in the making as this the author tells, himself. At times one is apt to lose one's self in the captivating way in which points of history are explained and to forget that the author is trying, not to write an abridged history of Europe, but something about how our system of law grew to be as it is

today. The author occupied the Roosevelt chair at the University of Berlin for a number of years and as a professor there taught American history and law; and even earlier, Roosevelt attended his lectures as a student in an American university.

It is a book well worth reading by the beginning law student and gives him an insight into the struggles which the subject which he is to study has gone through.

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Real Estate Questions and Answers. By Israel Flapan, LL.B.: 340 pp. Published by Prentice Hall, Inc., New York.

Real estate represents the largest proportion of the wealth of the United States. Almost every individual at some time or other becomes personally interested in some phase of real estate. This may be an interest in a lease, a mortgage, the purchase of a home, or the purchase of income producing property for investment. It is with this in mind that the author presents this volume covering legal and financial real estate questions.

The author discusses in the question and answer method the legal principles involved in real property. He presents everyday problems of the practical side of real estate, and answers them in a manner easily understood by the average layman.

In eight sections the author takes up the problems of real estate contracts, deeds, bonds and mortgages, relations of landlord and tenant, and encumbrances. Each section gives a brief outline of its subject followed by questions which present the leading problems. An appendix presents thirty-three actually filled in real estate forms, covering the daily transactions of a real estate broker.

This book is of particular interest to the real estate broker to serve as a ready reference, and to aid those who desire to pass an oral or written examination, where such examinations are required to produce a real estate broker's or a salesman's license.

LESTER A. BUCKLEY

Suggested Reading List For Lawyers

Natural Theology, by Bernard Boedder. S. J. Longman's Green and Company.

An Anthology of Recent Philosophy by Daniel Sommer Robinson, Ph.D. Thomas Y. Crowell Company.

The Lance of Justice by John MacArthur Maguire. Pp. XI, 305. Harvard University Press.

Group Representation Before Congress by E. Pendleton Herring. Pp. XVIII, 309. Johns Hopkins Press.

The Making of the Constitution by Charles Warren. Pp. XII, 832. Little, Brown, and Company.

Fundamentals of the Law of Proof in Judicial Proceedings by Otis H. Fisk. W. H. Anderson Company.

Cases on Industrial Law by E. F. Albertsworth. Pp. XXX, 782. Northwestern University Press.

How England Is Governed by Sir John Marriott, M.P. Pp. 112. Oxford University Press.

The Pragmatic Revolt in Politics by W. Y. Elliott, Pp. XVII, 287. Oxford: Clarendon Press.