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AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIVES OF THE FOUNDERS, BUILDERS, AND DEFENDERS
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Henry Astor, was born in New York Apr. 25, 1861, while the cannon that were fired on Fort Sumter were still echoing throughout the North. He was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1879, after which he devoted two years to mercantile life. His ambition, however, led him to study for the legal profession, and he therefore gave himself to a rigid course of preparation, and was graduated from the Columbia Law School in 1883, being admitted to the bar in the same year. His abilities in his chosen profession soon attracted the attention of the bar, and he was therefore appointed first

WEEKS, Bartow Sumter, lawyer, son of

assistant district attorney of New York county in 1891. Being the son of a veteran of the great civil war, and popular with the rank and file of the Sons of Veterans, he was elected their commander-in-chief at the national encampment held in 1891. His abilities as a real estate lawyer, and his experience in the construction of wills, has given him a reputation second to none in the profession which he so ably adorns, and is a lever which will no doubt bring him in time more prominently before the public whom he so faithfully serves. Mr. Weeks is a member of the Bar Association, Sons of

before the public whom he so faithfully serves. Mr. Weeks is a member of the Bar Association, Sons of the Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Alpha Delta Phi Club, Democratic Club, New York Athletic Club, and it was largely through his efforts that the new club house was procured for the New York Athletic Club, of which he is president, and he

was also instrumental in providing a handsome home for the Democratic Club. He was appointed justice of the supreme court of New York State in April, 1913, by Gov. Sulzer; was reappointed in the following year by Gov. Glynn, and was elected in November, 1914, for the full term of fourteen years. The son of Col. Henry A. Weeks (above), a veteran of the civil war, he is popular with the rank and file of the Sons of Veterans, and was elected their commander-in-chief at the national encampment held in 1891. He was married three times: first, Oct. 26, 1887, to Antoinette, daughter of Henry Mataran (she died without issue in September, 1900); second, in 1901, to Mrs. Emma Bort Sears, daughter of John Bort of Chateaugay, N.

Y. (she died in July, 1917), and third, Sept. 16, 1918, to Mrs. Josephine D. Smith of New York