

BATTLE OF KING'S MOUNTAIN.

MR. WEBB'S STIRRING SPEECH.

The Congressman from the Ninth District Gives an Interesting Description of the Important Engagement in Which the British Under Ferguson Were Defeated and the Title of War Turned in Favor of the Patriots—Plea for a Monument at King's Mountain.

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Mr. Chairman, there is now a bill on the calendar for consideration by the House carrying an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of a monument on King's Mountain...

DARK PERIOD IN HISTORY.

This was the darkest period in the history of the Revolutionary war. The whole South seemed prostrate at the foot of the enemy...

So thoroughly was Major Ferguson imbued with the idea that the rebellion was over that when William Grant offered him a troop of cavalry for service in the King's cause...

William Campbell, of Virginia, was also notified, and a rendezvous was agreed upon, and the 5th of September was the time set for the meeting of the Patriot leaders on Watauga River.

Promptly at the time agreed upon, the little army assembled ready for the march. The soldiers had no uniforms, no band of music, no brilliant bayonets...

AT KING'S MOUNTAIN.

Ferguson had fallen back, attempting to make the impression that he was going to Ninety-Six, South Carolina...

FERGUSON IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon arriving at Gilbert-Town, in Rutherford County, North Carolina, Major Ferguson sent a verbal message notifying the Patriots who were then in the mountains...

camp ground that he declared that the Almighty could not drive him from it, and affirmed that he would be able to capture and destroy any forces that the Patriots could bring against him.

Every man in Ferguson's army understood what actual fighting meant. They were especially skilled in the use of the bayonet, and the guns which were not provided with bayonets were provided with cut-throats and bayonets.

THE FIGHT.

Campbell led his men straight up the hill, pouring a deadly fire into the enemy. He and his men were immediately charged by Ferguson's men with fixed bayonets and Campbell was driven down the hill.

And the white rose blushed at the shedding of this terrible battle, in which were engaged 1,200 sturdy fighters...

At the end of an hour the brave fighters under Ferguson and DePeyster began to despair, for during the terrible and protracted fifty minutes their numbers were rapidly decreased by the incessant and unerring fire of the mountain men.

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