

Campaign.

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t marks, perhaps, the
national history, and one
world's history. The mem-
last as long as freemen
popular government ob-
ced their solemn resolve
nd them to the mother
and independent nation
earth. The word was
et to be accomplished.
t to be endured, before
Rambling efforts had
subdue the rebels; but
t to crush the insurrec-

General John Burgoyne
mand in Canada, and, in
on his most memorable
been determined that
was the center and com-
system of mountains and
onfluence of the Mohawk
this point the royal forces
from the south, St. Leger

from the west, and Burgoyne from the north, dis-
membering the colonies and crushing the rebellion.

With an army of nearly ten thousand men, dis-
ciplined in war and splendidly equipped, under the
leadership of Frazer, whose inspiring presence filled
the British heart with fire; Riedesel, the sturdy
German Baron, whose name passed as a synonym of
valor and caution; and Phillips, the great artillery
commander of the continental wars, Burgoyne as-
cended Lake Champlain, and suddenly appeared
before the American army of less than five thou-
sand, naked, ill-armed and unaccoutred troops at the
fortress of Ticonderoga. He had issued a proclamation
calling upon the people to rally around the standard
of their merciful and loving sovereign, and threat-
ening, if they refused, to let loose hordes of savages
upon them. Planting his cannon upon the hitherto
inaccessible heights of "Fort Defiance," the invader
forced the patriots from the first two strongholds,
and back into the wilderness.

The colonists were firm, and the Indians came.
At Fort Edward was murdered a beautiful young
girl, the betrothed of a British officer. But, as it
has been truly said, her blood was not shed in vain.
The people were aroused in every quarter. The
name of poor Jane McCrea passed as a watchword
along the valley of the Hudson, and was echoed
among the mountains of Vermont. It passed from
the yeomanry of New York, to the militiamen of
Massachusetts, and cried out for vengeance to the
bold "Green Mountain Boys." And as the little
army was pushed from retreat to retreat, through
the wilderness and down the streams, brave hearts