Out on the Western plains the sun is shining brightly in the face of the enemy. The great battle of Gettysburg is over, and the war is drawing to a close. The Union army has crossed the Potomac and is now advancing toward Richmond. The Confederate army is in full retreat, and the end of the war is near.

The President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln, has just arrived in Washington. He is greeted with cheers by the crowd that has gathered to welcome him. The President is in good health, and he is determined to carry on the war until victory is assured.

The Generals of the Union army are ready to march immediately. The supply of ammunition is sufficient, and the troops are in good spirits. The Confederates are fighting bravely, but they are outnumbered and outgunned.

The President has issued a proclamation declaring a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. The people are invited to come together to give thanks for the blessings of the land and to pray for the safety of their country.

Mr. Lincoln has also issued a proclamation freeing the slaves. He has signed the emancipation proclamation, and the news of it has been received with great joy throughout the land.

The President is determined to carry on the war until victory is assured. He is confident that the Union army will soon defeat the Confederates and bring the war to a successful conclusion.