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The whole note of the information that we receive from Europe is curtailment and scarcity. Matches are scarce in Vienna. Cooking utensils are no longer on the market in Germany. The German women are being asked to sacrifice their hair to make driving belts for munition factories, because of the shortage in leather. Tin is so short in Austria that organ pipes made of tin or tin alloy, are being taken from the churches. Prussia is limiting the amount of travel on the Railroads. There is a national shoe in Paris, but each person is entitled to just one pair. Fallen leaves are being used as a substitute for chaf in feeding horses and cattle in Vienna. The commonest sight is long line of people standing before coal dealers, soldiers waiting for the hour to get cigarettes, and women waiting for candles, and of course always a line before the food shops. The pig fat is disappearing. Every where leather is short. Action is being taken to limit the height of women's Paper is being introduced. Leather linings are forbidden almost everywhere.