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Supermarket giant lets UK–Spain train take the strain to counter trucker crisis

● Britain's biggest retailer Tesco plans to expand its use of a train service to bring goods from Spain. Page 3



Running dry....Britain continues to struggle.

NO FUEL

London.—British gas stations are still seeing unprecedented demand with more than a quarter of pumps still dry as the fuel crisis cut road traffic volumes to the lowest level since the COVID-19 lockdowns ended two months ago. In a chaotic week where fights broke out at gas stations and people filled up old water bottles with petrol, British ministers have repeatedly said the crisis is easing, though they ordered soldiers on Wednesday to start driving fuel tankers. The Petrol Retailers Association (PRA), which represents 65% of Britain's 8,380 forecourts, said members reported on Thursday that 27% of pumps were dry, 21% had just one fuel type in stock and 52% had enough petrol and diesel.

NO PORK

London.—Britain's farming industry has warned that hundreds of thousands of pigs may have to be culled within weeks unless the government issues visas to allow more butchers into the country. An acute shortage of butchers and slaughterers in the meat processing industry has been exacerbated by COVID-19 and Britain's post-Brexit immigration policy, which has restricted the flow of east European workers.