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World leaders are arriving in Glasgow for the COP 26 summit which begins today. They will present their countries' strategies to tackle global warming and President Macron will take to the stage this afternoon to announce France's plans. Talks have begun the day after a key report published by the World Meteorological Society which listed extreme phenomenon which have taken place in 2021 and which are directly attributable to global warming.

Keeping with the topic of the environment, G20 states met in Rome at the weekend to set new goals to prevent global warming by 1.5° but failed to set target dates nor the means in which to act.

Measures decided at COP 26 will be announced at the end of the summit on November 12th.

Covid levels in France are continuing to rise as confirmed by data published via Public Health France. The number of cases has increased by 11% over a one-week period and there are currently over 6,500 people who have been hospitalized with the virus. Over 1,000 of these are in intensive care.

France's policy on winter evictions kicks in today. Until next March, landlords will not be allowed to evict tenants from their rented accommodation. However, there are stark warnings from the Abbé Pierre Foundation who suggest that the worst is yet to come. After two years of the Covid epidemic and an increase in energy prices, they predict that there could be between 30,000 and 40,000 evictions once the winter truce ends in the spring.

This November marks the start of a no smoking initiative for which 83,000 French smokers have signed up for help to quit smoking. A new website has been set up which provides information from professionals and access to an app with the aim of helping people to kick the habit and improve their health.

And finally, in keeping with the lifestyle of many employees in today's era, the Lépine

Competition has been won by an inventor who designed an adjustable coffee table. The table converts into a work station complete with screen, keyboard and built-in speakers. The 36-year-old computer scientist from the Yvelines received the President of the Republique's prize in the form of a Sèvres porcelain vase.