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Will the SNCF unions accept the management's proposals to avoid a strike at the New Year? The answer will come in the coming minutes. The CEO of SNCF Voyageurs claims to have proposed strong measures to the unions, such as the recognition of the profession of skipper, the creation of positions, and progress in their careers. The strike cannot, however, be avoided this weekend. 1 train out of 3 is canceled today, 2 out of 5 on Saturday and Sunday.

Pediatrics professionals will be received today by Emmanuel Macron. The sector is overwhelmed by the bronchitis epidemic, which concerns pediatricians, child care nurses, and pediatric nephrologists. The objective, said the President, is to listen to them.

Meanwhile, things are better on the front of the coronavirus epidemic. According to Public Health France, the circulation of the virus has slowed down but remains at a high level, with more than 49,000 cases yesterday. As a consequence of this slowdown, new hospitalizations fell by 4% last week.

French people who heat themselves with wood will be able to request their energy check from December 27th. The opening of the internet platform was initially supposed to take place yesterday. This state aid is between 50 and 200 euros, according to income conditions. This boost should concern more than 2.5 million people.

Charles Sobhraj has been released from prison. The French serial killer, nicknamed "the snake", committed around twenty murders across Asia in the 1970s. Imprisoned in Nepal, he should be transferred to France in the day. The Nepalese justice considered that this 78-year-old man should be released for health reasons.

And finally, two departments have orange rain-flood warnings in the Savoie and Haute-Savoie. Météo France warns against heavy rainfall until Saturday night to Sunday.