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There's confusion in France's socialist party after both candidates that made it to the second round of votes for the position of the party's first secretary are claiming that they've won outright. Outgoing party head Olivier Faure and the mayor of Rouen, Nicolas Mayère-Rossignol both claimed victory last night. The two candidates are accusing each other of irregularities in several polling stations. A commission to consolidate the results is due to meet today. The outcome of the vote will be crucial for the Parti Socialiste continuing the left wing alliance with NUPES

Yesterday's strike against the government's pension reform saw more than 1 million 120,000 people take to the streets according to the Ministry of the Interior. The union CGT claims this figure was closer to 2 million. Either way, this sheer number of people has not been seen at protests since the 2010s. A second day of inter-union protest is scheduled for January 31.

Emmanuel Macron spent the day in Spain yesterday to sign a set of agreements, and yet there was no escape from the issues back at home. A man was ejected from the event where the President was giving his speech in Barcelona for wearing a t-shirt that was hostile to pension reform.

Skiers are being urged to exercise caution in the Alps after a 57-year-old man died in an avalanche in the Savoie yesterday. The ski instructor was off-piste in the Les Arcs area. This is the ninth death due to an avalanche in the Pays de Savoie since November.

To tennis now and in the Australian Open Scottish player Andy Murray beat local favourite Kokkinakis last night to advance to the third round. The Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas is also through. The world number 4 defeated Dutch player Griekspoor very very early this morning.

And finally to basketball, the American NBA was in Paris last night for a relocated match. It was victory for the Chicago Bulls 126-108 against the Detroit Pistons.