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It is possible that inflation levels may rise to such a degree that it will take France into the red. Inflation reached 6.2% in February and is predicted to rise to more than 10% in March – mostly in relation to food prices. Yesterday at the Assembly, the Minister of the Economy, Bruno Le Maire promised new measures to contain this significant increase and will meet with major stakeholders in the coming days. In the meantime, negotiations on the price of food products between supermarkets and suppliers, end today.

A new month brings in new changes. As of today, the price of petrol is capped at €1.99 at service stations owned by the TotalEnergies group. The price of a packet of cigarettes now reaches €11 for certain brands, and canvassing is now prohibited on weekends and public holidays.

There has still been no news from Leslie and Kevin, more than 3 months after their disappearance near Niort in the Deux-Sèvres. A relative of the young couple was arrested yesterday in the Vendée in connection with the case, having been the last person with whom they were due to have stayed with on the evening of their disappearance. Investigators noted inconsistencies in the statements of the respondent who had claimed to have participated in a rave party that night. However, no party of this kind took place in the region at the time in question.

Pushed to resign, former president of the French Football Federation, Noel Le Graet has found new recourse. He will continue to work in the Paris office of FIFA but will be filing a complaint for defamation against Amélie Oudéa-Castéra. The Minister of Sports had called for his resignation after pointing out his inappropriate behaviour towards women.

In Greece, around 30 people have died after a train accident last night between Athens and Thessaloniki. One of the carriages derailed after a collision and then caught fire. Two hospitals in the Larissa region were requisitioned to tend to the many wounded.

And finally to football where Lyon qualified for the semi-finals of the French Cup. The team won 2 goals to 1 last night against Grenoble.