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Pensions will be re-evaluated next January according to an announcement from the Economy Minister, Bruno Le Maire, who responded to questions from readers of Le Parisien. With a proposed increase of 5.2%, this measure is aimed at protecting all pensioners against inflation. Minimum social benefits will also be increased by approximately 4.6%, or €28 per month for the RSA.

4,000 service stations will sell fuel at cost price until the end of the year. Representatives of major retail brands went to Matignon yesterday afternoon to discuss the petrol price crisis with Elisabeth Borne. At the end of the meeting, Carrefour and Leclerc committed to selling at cost price every day and Casino, Cora and Intermarché will do so for 2 weekends per month. Système U and Auchan will do so for at least one weekend per month. Until now, distributors had refused to sell at a loss.

The trial is taking place in the Seine-et-Marne where 6 defendants, 3 women and 3 men, all in their twenties, appear before the courts for the ordeal they allegedly put a young girl through. They have been accused of holding her captive for several days in a former hotel room, and tortured and beat her. One of them even raped her, according to the general counsel. The events are said to have taken place over 3 days in December 2020 in Mareuil lès Meaux. The prosecution has requested the heaviest sentences for two of the young women of 18 and 22 years in prison. The verdict will be delivered later today.

Amazon is in turmoil in the United States. The American delivery giant is being pursued by the competition authority and 17 states in a court. It is accused of "exploiting the power it draws from its monopoly", and taking advantage of this to "degrade the service" that it offers to its millions of American customers. For example, according to the federal agency, Amazon discourages sellers from offering prices lower than its own on products where it competes. The accusations are being denied by the vice-president of Amazon across social networks. According to his comments, Amazon has stimulated competition in the sector.

And finally to sports news and on the 6th day of Ligue 1, Lille faced Reims who won 2 goals to 1.