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Macron waives presidential pension amid Christmas strike chaos

圣诞大罢工引发混乱，马克龙放弃总统养老金

waive /weɪv/: (一般用于主动) 放弃；免除

例句：He waived his right to appeal. 他（主动）放弃了上诉权。

pension /ˈpɛnʃ(ə)n/: n. 养老金；退休金；抚恤金

搭配短语：draw/receive the pension 领取养老金

例句：We can draw/receive our pensions when we turn 60.

amid: 在...中

strike: n. 罢工

chaos /ˈkeɪɒs/: n. 混乱

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法国公共交通系统大罢工，使圣诞节出行的旅客面临混乱，为此，埃马纽埃尔·马克龙将放弃数额巨大的总统养老金，以期能平息民众对“政治家特权”的怒火。

generous presidential pension: (慷慨的) 数额巨大的总统养老金

calm anger over: 平息怒火

With rail strikes continuing into their third week and travellers **scrambling** to get to home for the holidays, Macron, who turned 42 this weekend, made the **symbolic** move to become the first president in more than 50 years to give up the **automatic** pension of more than €6,000 a month that all French leaders receive after leaving office, regardless of age or wealth.

法国的铁路大罢工已进入第三周，旅客们正排除万难，回家过节，本周末刚满 42 岁的马克龙做出了一个具有象征性的举动：他成为 50 多年来首位放弃养老金的总统。法国领导人在卸任后，无论离任时年龄多大，拥有的财富有多少，都能自动享受每月逾 6000 欧元的养老金。

scramble/'skræm.bəl/: v. 艰难行走，爬，攀登；争夺，抢夺；炒

搭配短语：to scramble the eggs (炒鸡蛋)

例句：Tourists were scrambling up the Mount Tai to see the sunrise. (爬，攀登)

例句：Thousands of people scrambled for the concert tickets. (争夺，抢夺)

symbolic: adj. 象征性的

€ (Euro) /'jʊərəʊ/: 欧元，简写为 EUR

automatic/ɔ:tə'matɪk/: adj. 必然的，自动的

搭配短语：automatic doors

例句：Citizenship is automatic for children born in the United States. 在美国出生的孩子自动获得公民身份。

Macron's office added that he would not take his seat in France's **constitutional court**, where former presidents are members for life and receive a monthly **allowance** of €13,500.

马克龙办公室补充道，（退休后）他不会在法国宪法法院就职，法国前总统们都是宪法法院的终身会员，每个月可领取 1.35 万欧元的津贴。

take one's seat: 就坐；就职

constitutional court: 宪法法院

allowance/ə'laʊ.əns/: n. 定期补贴，津贴；限额

搭配短语：a baggage allowance of 23 kilograms: 23公斤的行李限额

Le Parisien newspaper **hailed** Macron's decision to **forfeit** his presidential pension as "breaking with a dusty tradition of republican monarchy".

《巴黎人报》称颂了马克龙放弃总统养老金的决定，称其“打破了‘共和君主制’中一项过时的传统”。

hail/heɪl/: v. 赞扬（或称颂）

搭配短语：hail...as / be hailed...as

例句：The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games was hailed as a great success.

例句：All hail the king! 向国王致敬！

forfeit/'fɔːfɪt/: v. （因故）失去，放弃；（因犯错）丧失，被没收

英文释义：lose or give up sth. as a necessary consequence of sth.

例句：I forfeit one hour of sleep every morning just so I can get up and catch the subway.
每天早上，我都会丧失一小时的睡眠时间，这样我才能起床搭乘地铁。

dusty: adj. 灰尘覆盖的

dusty tradition: 过时的传统

republican: 共和

monarchy/'mɒnəki/: 君主制

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尽管大罢工爆发，法国政府仍坚称，他们决心统一法国的养老金体系，他们指出，随着法国人口老龄化加剧，取消现行养老体系中的 42 项特殊制度，将对养老金体系在财政方面顺畅运行起到关键作用。这 42 项制度的受益对象涵盖了铁路工作人员、能源工作人员、律师以及巴黎歌剧院的工作人员等。

结构分析：段落的主干是 the government insists it will plough ahead to unify the French pensions system, arguing 引导伴随状语，补充了 government 发表的意见内容，that 引导的是 argue 的宾语从句，它的主干是 **getting rid of A is crucial to do B**，其中 A 是 the 42 special regimes for sectors ranging from rail and energy workers to lawyers and Paris Opera staff，这里的 ranging 是现在分词作后置定语；to do B 的具体内容是 **to keep the system financially viable**，结尾的 as the population ages 是宾语从句中的状语从句。

plough ahead: /plaʊ ə'hɛd/: (不顾反对或困难) 我行我素; 奋力从事

plough: n./v. 犁

例句: The boss ploughed ahead with 996 policy. 老板坚决执行996工作制。

unify: v. 统一

argue: v. 主张; 表明; 辩论

get rid of: 扔掉; 丢弃; 摆脱; 甩掉; 赶走

regime/rei'ʒi:m/: n. 组织方法; 管理体制; 政权

英文释义: a method or system of organizing or managing sth.

搭配短语: fascist regime 法西斯政权

sector: n. 行业; 部分

搭配短语: the manufacturing/service/banking sector 制造业/服务业/银行业

to keep the system financially viable: 保持系统在财务上的可行性

viable/'vaɪ.ə.bəl/: adj. 可以实施的; 可望成功的

近义词: possible

搭配短语: a viable solution 可行的解决方案

搭配短语: politically viable 政治上可行

as the population ages: 随着人口老龄化

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马克龙敦促罢工者们在圣诞节前暂缓罢工，并表示他们应该抱着一种“负责任的态度”。在访问科特迪瓦期间，他说：“罢工是合理的，且受到宪法保护。但是我认为在法国人的一生中，有一些时刻，我们可以出于对家庭和家庭生活的尊重而休战。”


ease up: 减缓; 松弛, 放轻松

例句: Relax and ease up a little. 放松一点。

例句: The rain was easing up. 雨小了。

embrace/ɪm'breɪs/: v. 欣然接受; 乐意采纳; 拥抱

搭配短语: an idea that I embrace 一个我接受的想法

Ivory Coast/ɪvəri 'kəʊst/: 象牙海岸, 即科特迪瓦 

justifiable/'dʒʌs.tə.fai.ə.bəl/: adj. 无可非议的, 有充分理由的

相关词汇: justify (v. 证明.....是正确的)

词根词缀: -able (能够)

搭配短语: a justifiable reason 正当理由

in a nation's life: 这里的nation指国民, 短语指在法国人的一生当中

observe a truce: 奉行休战

observe: v. 遵守, 奉行某个规则; 注意到

truce/truːs/: n. 讲和 (协议); 休战, 停战 (协定)

例句: Japan broke the truce. 日本打破了休战协定。

例句: Can we call a truce? 我们可以讲和吗?

out of: 出于

搭配短语: out of respect/love: 出于尊重/爱

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