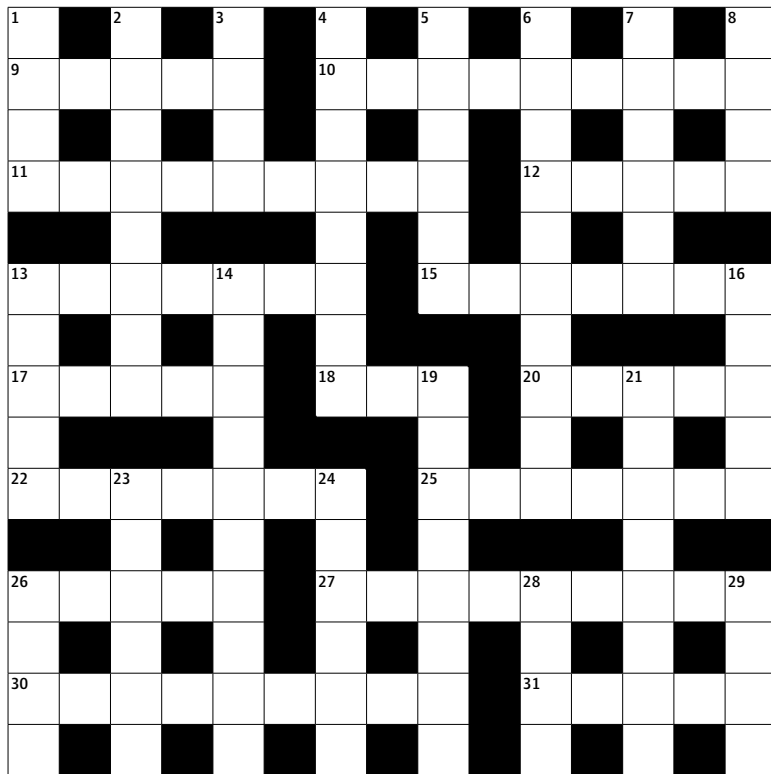


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Across

- 9 Comply with one hooked on avarice without end? (5)
- 10 Reparation that one mentioned in passing (9)
- 11 Hair colour of intoxicated bully at core 'not starting conflict' (9)
- 12 Displacing the leader of a country causes agonies (5)
- 13 Boatman in base for watch (5,2)
- 15 Aggressors led out of rules-based order in chaos (7)
- 17 Falsely planned from both sides (3-2)
- 18 Stood by elimination of a country's leader (3)
- 20 Might is right? Captive enemy's leader taken at the front (5)
- 22 Playing conkers with judges (7)
- 25 Honour as peace finally follows devastation of the war (7)
- 26 Signified Boatman by symbol of industry (5)
- 27 Order: comply with aid talks (9)
- 30 Content of blogs: sorry, cheap, using too many words (9)
- 31 Cycling round raising fire as a defence against submarines (5)

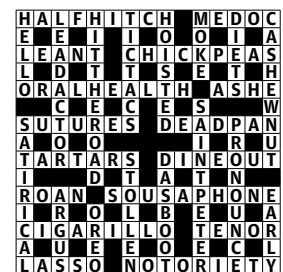
Down

- 1 Ill-considered result of conflagration

after 7th of October (4)

- 2 Expecting quiet fury to rise over holy books (8)
- 3 With the end of truth, he's evasive: a despicable type (4)
- 4 Paroxysm of pointless killing? (8)
- 5 Apparently a lawyer, she is one that moves quickly in hearing (6)
- 6 Band initially denied piss-up over unmixed disc set up inside (4,6)
- 7/23 Clue for emigré in coup (6,6)
- 8 Toti Soler covers King of Soul (4)
- 13 Society to raise former ruler to be glorious (5)
- 14 Assembly of Experts with grip on oil wrongly supply profiteers (10)
- 16 Powerful movement, certain to embrace an end to fighting (5)
- 19 Fox etc an extreme instance of Orwellian communication (8)
- 21 Where Trump, lacking guts, is not to touch this: would be unwise (3,5)
- 23 See 7
- 24 Strictly austere, doubly devout Hindu, unshod primarily (6)
- 26 Man using computer virus etc: battle is lost (4)
- 28 Depose leader missing in combat (4)
- 29 Where to hang sheets in back garden (4)

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