Everyman crossword No. 3770

Across
1 Nervous about meal, lieutenant being secretive (8)
5 Brief batting class (6)
9 Keep going, having advertised with energy in press (7,2)
11 Pick up large gain (5)
12 Cyclist in good spirits after support, widely distributed (7,7)
14 Imperfection in emblem is horrible (7)
16 Start broadcast outside (4–3)
17 Answer quietly followed by sailor in ceremony (7)
19 Suspense in revolutionary drama is clear (7)
21 Straight line dividing facts he mixed with falsehoods (2,3,4,5)
24 Clumsy in enclosure, reversing into it (5)
25 Airman, in poem, endlessly against ace in battle (9)
26 Kind disposition (6)
27 Given agreement when dispatched by editor (8)

Down
1 Appeal for help, nothing being tolerable (2–2)
2 Stretch leg near ground (7)
3 Landowner in retreat supported by daughter (5)
4 Marine creature found in bay, possibly on small beach, or swimming (9,4)
6 Pale colour of knight, one with hesitation rising in unfinished story (4,5)
7 Company coming up with song involving new instrument (7)
8 Doctor in Rome sent for soup (10)
10 State information available on hot drinks, carrying weight (3,5,5)
13 Be gripped by storytelling, ignoring initial irregularity (10)
15 Prices not adjusted for auditor (9)
18 Uncomplaining, long accepting obligation (7)
20 One following absorbing account, not precisely correct (7)
22 Enticement to possess constant wealth (5)
23 Reported forbidden gang (4)

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