Crossword 17,208 Set by ROSA KLEBB

ACROSS

1 Complete flunkey in power (8)

5 Part of Vita's garden is heaven for northerners (6)

- **9** Spooner's father gambles money that won't be repaid (3,5)
- **10** Cheers state alcohol bans (6)
- 12 Random fish on street (5)
- **13** Closest friend follows professional team (9)
- **14** Inactivity of MI6 station coming to the fore (6)
- **16** Female dons curse female spirit (7)
- **19** Gallery and museum welcoming monarch (7)
- **21** Frightful female pair refused to go on (6)
- 23 Lacking energy, Sue and mum tucked into pickle sandwich (9)
- **25** Very discontented Turkish canine? (5)
- **26** Get the better of guy after university (6)
- **27** Fancies retiring, a very good sign (8)
- 28 | snore violently, being older(6)
- **29** Order revolutionary books and articles from Helena? (8)

DOWN

- Lower seabed is churned u
 (6)
- 2 Presbyterian minister married toreador, unwisely (9)
- **3** Originally called vacuous dandy insecure (5)
- **4** Company about to discharge army swimmer (7
- **6** Novel in store at WH Smith? (9)
- **7** Silver and gold accepted in marketplace (5)
- 8 Lovely First Lady will ultimately mess up (8)
- **11** Boss sobs, denying every small blunder (4)
- **15** North America shuns Finnish PM over enclave (3,6)
- 17 Gibbon, perhaps? Wrong it's a rhino (9)
- 18 Excuses girl and boy pinching one shilling (8)20 Like taking clothes off (4)
- **21** Old ass pulled up herb (7)
- **22** Picked nose rudely after
- church (6)
- **24** Staff keep getting the runs (5)
- **25** Reportedly followed plot (5)

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