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ACROSS

- 1 Raw new soldiers fighting for the experience of a lifetime (5-9)
- **10** A doctor's hesitation is a warning sign
- 11 Odd times lacking substance (3-6)
- 12 Copy one I'm returning to gallery (7)13 Take action about new teacher retiring
- early today? (7)

 14 Con German woman leading her country
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- putting name forward's a high-flier (9)

 19 Supporter pays proceeds of crime back
 (9)
- 20 Craft constructed by unknown number of Germans (5)22 Insensitive time-wasting demands to
- strike (7)

 25 Spilt syrup on secretary's manuscript (7)
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 27 Comic character or ecstasy pusher in
- disguise? (9) **28** Wide range of kitchen games (5) **29** Application by Santa's primary little

helper for freelance work (4-10)

DOWN

- 2 Significant scoreline got Bilbao rocking
 (9)
- **3** Something part-way through cellular variation (5)
- **4** Wagon being mostly converted to mobile home (9)
- 5 She needs a long time to capture knight (5)
- 6 List old lines covered by make up (9)
- **7** Endless sport embodies universal tedium (5)
- 8 Dubious sort of marketing advantage held by group (7)
- 9 Uncertainty US student group raised around charge list (6)15 Converse of infernal place to run (9)
- **17** Long-distance image maker flying to the pole (9)
- **18** Discover how to amuse, replacing one half of ascent with the other (9)
- 19 Sharpens view of cold country surrounded by adversaries (7)
- 21 Some selfless attorney held up hanging
 (6)
- 23 Primate wearing £50 collar piece (5)
- 24 Southwestern Energy's record surge (5)26 Song elevated mullahs every now and
- then after start of prayers (5)