CROSSWORD 17,914 by ROSA KLEBB **ACROSS DOWN** 1 Tight pocket (6) 1 Cut short King Canute, rambling after time (8) **4** Unresponsive bureaucrats in Brussels, miserable place 2 Unhappy policemen with empty suits (8) managed to put on gruff 10 Open University's accepting expression (11) new group (7) 3 Student oddly ignored 11 Murderer tackling blind poorly parrot (4) 5 Swaggering Spooner's ha partner about stimulant (7) **12** Vicious dog with black restorative (8) muzzle (4) 6 Eccentric aristo first to be 13 Sister hops, breaking hack completely (3.3.4) wooden leg? (10) **7** Observe butts of fine **16** Flipping tough Cockney in Malmsev here (3) Arctic region (6) 8 Most sensible Christian 17 Red-raw bum, sore at first soldiers retreat (6) 9 Small factor in hybrid in pants (7) 20 Disease unknown in warfare (5) 14 Frank caught lost hawk England (7) **21** Mischievous celebrity often (8-3)impersonated husband (6) 15 Harry on ego trip, beginning to repudiate parer 24 Dismissal of communist united careless cadre in French (10) city (10) 18 Keep calm about 25 Auditor's sensible supporting regular boyfriend? explanations (4) (6,2)27 Foxy nurses aren't 19 Charles regrets mounting commonly angelic (7) hunter (8)

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29 Give back part of forest —

30 Finally confesses, in bad

or else! (7)

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22 Carbon increases

23 Sons almost eliminate fine

28 Boundless alarm and anger

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31 Wally regularly hears gossip 26 One enjoying American

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