## **CROSSWORD** 18,050 by LEONIDAS

## ACROSS

- 1 Chatter about actors running popular stall (13)
- **9** Spooner's very warm staff explore underground (7)
- 10 Ignition device probably
- easier to carry (7)

  11 Item maybe loaded back
- inside barrel first (5)

  12 Sister feeds swimmer with drink problem (9)

13 Shallow ooze encircling

- class (4-4) **15** Maiden driving out having
- day off (6) **18** A number cycling over still
- (4,2)
  19 Solitary man interrupting poor Charlie (8)
- 22 Birds from coast Cook
- cooked (9) **24** Giant winged creature
- eviscerated Aladdin (5) **25** A lot changed after bigwig turned key (7)
- **26** Composite image of Mike acting without son? (7)
- **27** Country Tale chapter 10 by Gertrude or Rick? (13)

## DOWN

- Manuscript of drivel
   Treasury half-spun (7)
   Ill-prepared angler may be
- 2 Ill-prepared angler may be so impudent (3,2,4)3 River perfect following
- closure of pier (5)

  4 Outlines singular vessels with two masts (8)
- awful lot (6)

  6 South American male unmarried soldier hugs (9)

5 Two fishes not doing an

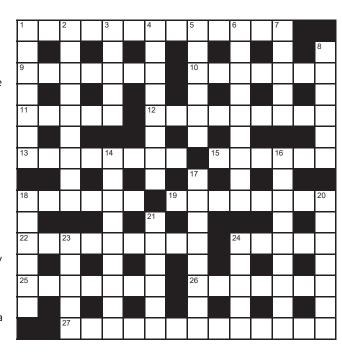
- 7 Sees terrorists securing compound (5)8 City of Bergen periodically
- **14** Strip books bound by gloomy European (9)

crowning queens? (6)

- **16** Pet possibly destroyed tea garden (5,4)
- **17** Italian with starter of mint in a little soup (8)
- 18 Take off from base on small coastal area (6)
- 20 Excavated around New Age prison (7)
- 21 Tin of rolled meat stuffed with game (6)
  23 Two-thirds of delicacy lef
- 23 Two-thirds of delicacy left? Complain! (5)
- **24** Places to read south of tense capital (5)



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