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Cryptic crossword #23

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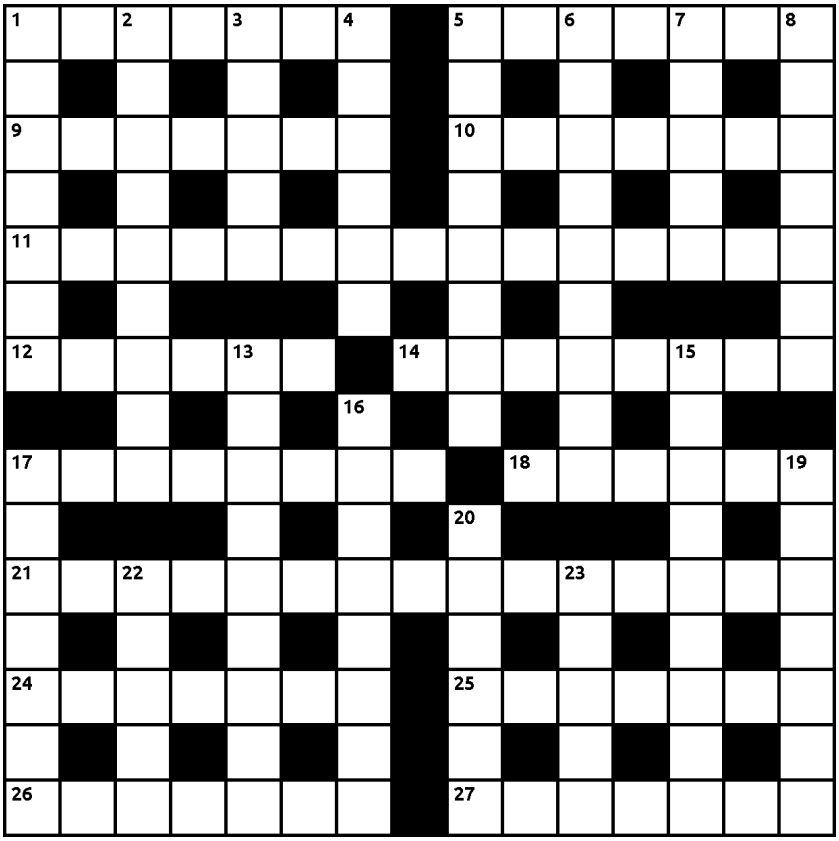

ACROSS

1 Secret meeting leads to American fiasco (2,6)
5 I leave fire, covered in ash - back to start... (6)
10 I am in an acting role with a note to make dessert (7)
11 Prisoner finds shelter and need look no further (7)
12 About a politician being overly theatrical (4)
13 Think with a purpose to possibly recapture? (10)
15 I follow greeting to get food (6)
16 Surge of feeling in a sleigh, decorated brightly (8)
18 Filling hose (8)
20 Tamper with our exactness (6)
23 Blend couscous with HP sauce - magic! (5,5)
25 As I go to a continent (4)
27 Top board rider? (7)
28 Speak hesitantly to supporter with extreme grace, but causing great offence (7)
29 Wine in vessel causes nasty surprise (6)
30 Sat awkwardly holding bait for tackles (8)

DOWN

1 Rascal pretends to cause collisions (7)
2 About butter over peeled mellow branded sweet (9)
3 Intend to be unkind (4)
4 Prefer to inform on her (6)
6 Digital ending ruins *Ring* finale (10)
7 A half measure note and degree produce a flush (5)
8 H has a short fuse (7)
9 Bend and crinkle to economise (6)
14 Factory outlet takes misfit in loose clothing (10)
16 Rising gas causes slump (3)
17 Loop around mutant shark to be alert (4,5)
18 Splits half disc over his disease (7)
19 Nothing in noses for hangings (6)
21 Grim figures regarding a person - not on! (7)
22 Upset stomach last month (6)
24 Vehicle to take off with load (5)
26 Most of the table is qualified (4)