

ACROSS

- 1 Old gun party all endlessly spread over country (8)
- 5 Blair confused about unknown nut (6)
- 9 Train say, running to be healthy (8)
- 10 Dire Straits engagement? (6)
- 11 Appoint Commander-in-Chief bringing first hundred forward from various sources (8)
- 13 King who couldn't stop or turn container truck (6)
- 14 20's 12 sailor (3)
- 16 Do away with European predicament (6)
- 19 Awfully bitter about Liberal showing signs of insecurity (7)
- 20 Try on a disguise for solicitor (6)
- 21 Watch out avoiding cold hail (3)
- 26 Sound perception with a kiss that makes that hard (6)
- 27 Refinement for example in clean sort of energy (8)
- 28 Cup hastily emptied after drink's knocked back? (6)
- 29 Ten in a van IT designed for flying (8)
- 30 Nippy answer that distiller employs (6)
- 31 Accepted golfer's attitude for example (8)

DOWN

- 1 Plague: isn't it about to be persistent? (6)
- 2 Standing over the French to keep up bitter feelings (6)
- 3 Nettle found in yurt I camped in (6)
- 4 Skilful fashion at Dior (6)
- 6 Trust cereal in bowls (8)
- 7 Change of direction initially guides up 14 climbing tower (8)
- 8 Educated teetotaller before getting directed around (8)
- 12 Prisoner etc. a VIP tortured (7)
- 15 Call, roar and yell heads off (3)
- 16 Regularly silly and underhand (3)

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- 17 Star once represented Victoria to our Queen (8)
- 18 Get going with brilliant ticket-seller (5,3)
- 19 Break nose (8)
- 22 Team putting wing on level (6)
- 23 Shocked by gas that's cut off (6)
- 24 Officer standard (6)
- 25 Session attending to spiritual matters (6)