

**Across**

- 1 Last month, ruler in the East openly discarded service's foremost Navy recruits (9)
- 6 That guy has work conveying compassion (5)
- 9 Couple of articles with not much substance, 10 or 11 maybe? (7)
- 10 Created organisation that provided food (7)
- 11 Canoe at sea, or something larger? (5)
- 12 To begin with, scrotum doctor almost perversely made clear - "I like balls!" (9)

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- 13 Pair on course to be on time (4)
- 14 Gourmet, polishing off starter with relish, openly is one considering star rating, perhaps? (10)
- 18 Plotting against escape, imprisoning traitor centrally (10)
- 19 Something used to beat team (4)
- 22 Genuine gold subsequently given short mark of approval (9)
- 25 Cunning one breaks into central vaults in headquarters of General Electric (5)
- 26 Ask about first signs of trail indicating nomads go travelling by coast? (7)

- 27 Foundation of cryptic clue written in North America (7)
- 28 Tool reportedly used to "fix" animals (5)
- 29 Caught corrupt superior employees using 1a? (9)

**Down**

- 1 Rock climbing assistance with medic outside, working (7)
- 2 Fickle person remodelling clean home (9)
- 3 Greeting gang and bringing them on board? (6)
- 4 Calls seaman up, without answer (5)

- 5 Dodgy cash covering cost primarily by exposing risky sweetener (9)
- 6 Tea or coffee, possibly, in dead place for 26 (3,5)
- 7 Acid originally related to urine may be golden (5)
- 8 Taboo to start cycling cryptic clue - that's small fry! (7)
- 15 Tactical targets bombed by invading country's fronts (9)
- 16 Leggy creature limped like injured, missing kneecap (9)
- 17 Taste for one quiet and diminutive (8)
- 18 Watch as sister covers up body (7)

- 20 Fashionably bare way to start showing bust (7)
- 21 Horse, wearing dark red, returning soldier's companion's support, maybe? (3,3)
- 23 Fancy headgear worn in Austria, not worn in US (5)
- 24 African flower found by first of colonists to go on exchange (5)