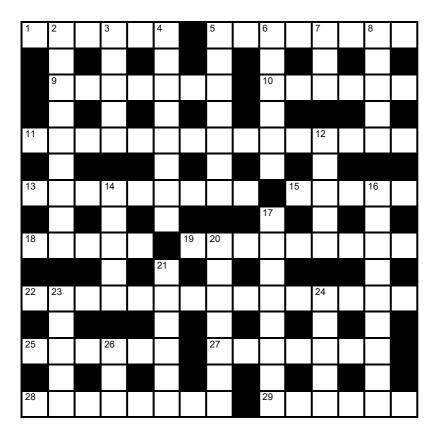
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Across

- 1 Military man's weapon deployed heartlessly (6)
- 5 Huge opponents heading off for sumo wrestling (8)
- 9 Early bird with nothing in schedule (7)
- 10 Facet, or how one might make it turn to face (6)
- 11 A lesson with part that's violent (1,4,2,3,5)
- 13 It might be served in fancy sushi cafe (4,5)
- 15 Criticise rap it's attentionseeking noise (5)
- 18 The sound of one laugh//Is followed by one thousand//Then universal (5)
- 19 Saw Oliver Twist on street where one can suit oneself? (6,3)
- 22 How a beast might attract a mate, especially a polar bear perhaps? (6,9)

- 25 Mighty good man headed off evil (6)
- 27 A bit of a cold fish? (7)
- 28 Insisted upon a dessert cocktail (8)
- 29 Both sides of the Atlantic (East to West) host party for puzzling poor relation (6)

Down

- 2 This bomb, this crash endlessly devastated this city (9)
- 3 Oddly, Gazza goes around greeting informally as "dumpling" (5)
- 4 In a state having lost £1,000 at horserace (8)
- 5 Wild stray cat I rehabilitated (7)
- 6 Don and amen are two examples, but could be lots (6)
- 7 Where a cat, or a mouse, might sit (3)

- 8 Institution that teaches Tesla and Siemens for example (5)
- 12 Weather in Seattle essentially wet (5)
- 14 Confirm penetrating smell is bullshit (5)
- **16** Karate move with weapon or implement (9)
- 17 A Nation's capital is having terrible housing for key workers (8)
- **20** Assembled and beginning to abandon ship in the middle of a sea (7)
- **21** Struggle described at start of Leviticus and Exodus (6)
- **23** Letters A, B, C, D, E, F and G (5)
- 24 Less than half her parts were written by A Bennett (5)
- **26** Japanese character it has singular meaning (3)