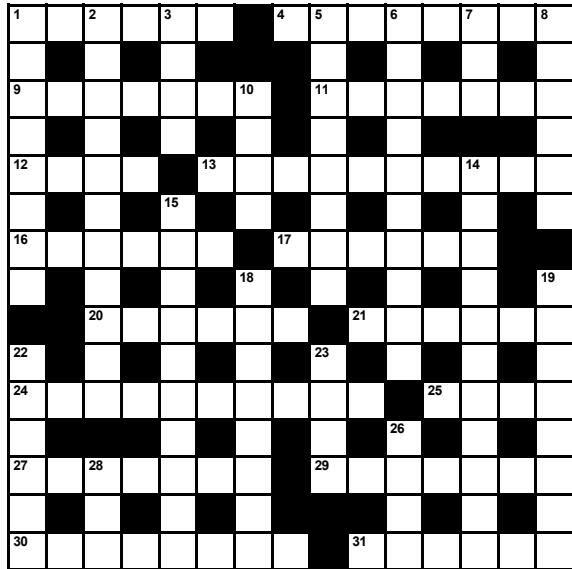


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**Across**

- 1 Increased backing in right holiday town (6)
- 4 Might some tax rises entail negative growth? That horrifies leaders! (8)
- 9 Bligh's family attend dances (7)
- 11 United employees possibly cook raw rice (7)
- 12 About to follow American around Mediterranean port (4)
- 13 Carlo possibly the one fibbing about Malta being the home of nougat (10)
- 16 Alone in very large cathedral (6)
- 17 President interrupting transmission a possible consequence of stalemate (6)
- 20 Row after winning runs cause brouhaha (6)
- 21 Make attractive organ on purpose (6)
- 24 Working at full stretch wearing very smelly clothes (2,4,4)
- 25 Growth in efficiency stalls (4)
- 27 Instrument shows nothing missing from fire-fight (7)
- 29 Dressing vacant pedestal with flower (7)
- 30 Victor denied victory needs victory celebrations to finish - it's a sensitive point (5,3)
- 31 Christian blockhead managed party (6)

**Down**

- 1 Run through what to bring up outside the Home Counties (8)
- 2 Amazing detective series features cheerful officer going round Europe on horse (11)
- 3 Bankruptcy series overwhelms Italy (4)
- 5 In extremity, wine comes with small snacks (8)
- 6 Christian to wander, working to keep insect in natural log (5,5)
- 7 King swallows a fish (3)
- 8 Bligh fighting in carrier (6)
- 10 Perhaps Play School occasionally needs new ending (4)
- 14 A month before the Spanish in New York get books about Bligh (5,6)
- 15 Christian mischief good for cutting rope (5,5)
- 18 Bligh twigged what was happening, though only half at first (8)
- 19 Sailor going round in cricles reaches Atlantic port for some singing (8)
- 22 Christian brings up sizeable child (6)
- 23 Excluding the left to soothe power base (4)
- 26 Look after Rommel's last hideaway (4)
- 28 Mind not finishing vehicle (3)