ACROSS
1 Politeness makes Rosy cute (8)
5 Transposing the bookmakers' sign language is part of the strategy (6)
10 Possibly fired – making space needing to be filled (5)
11 Result of a blow to the economy? (9)
12 Free extract – ie that will be broadcast (9)
13 A current issue on the coast (5)
14 New wars or old weapons (6)
15 US politician who could resort to treason (7)
16 Takes a meal among sailors, though it causes delay (9)
17 A loud and voluble description of a very rich society (8)
19 Broadcasts about races (6)
20 No fixed date for the Romans (4,3)
21 Bans untidy beards (6)
23 Princess to show hesitancy in speech after press is seen (5)

SOLUTION 15,657

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