ACROSS
1 Discover and pass back a note (6)
4 Joint vote cast in Irish parliament (8)
9 Sportsmen on mountains, right in their heaven (6)
10 Former Russian, American or English architecture (8)
11 Incorporate dome by reconstruction (6)
12 By no means on one's uppers (8)
13 Operator of a lock and harbour, say (3)
14 New wars or old weapons (6)
17 Used for jotting down music? (7)
20 Naval vessels which should be quarantined? (8)
21 Ear job operation for rodent (6)
25 Tease about Eve's origins? (3)
26 Every letter is written in it (8)
27 He's in charge but often has a leader (6)
28 Prize joke comes first – it's laughable (8)
29 Run a horse in Maine (6)
30 Extensive cleaning operation (8)
31 Instruments still playable without their heads (6)

DOWN
1 Star embraced by girl in entertainment centre (3,5)
2 Those who enjoy getting high? (8)
3 Refuse to fold over the sheet (4,4)
5 A singular method of dealing with a traffic problem (3-3)
6 I've found it in a Greek dictionary (6)
7 I am included in an American's hostility (6)
8 The long version lacks nothing in measurement (6)
12 Be born healthy, getting an advantage (7)
15 The appeal of love on board ship (3)
16 Drink up for Indian government (3)
18 Finished dance when the playing stops (4-4)
19 Withdraw Jack's pamphlet (8)
22 Party when out of range of Russia (6)
23 Clever people are quick on it (6)
24 Support in reverse (4,2)
25 Fame secure now? No question about it (6)

SOLUTION 15,639

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