Crossword 15,596 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Poem with a citrus twist? (8)
5 America after success to bridge a gap (6)
9 Where women were confined by gaolers, I suspect (8)
10 Sweet thing in lacier pants (6)
12 Dig hole in the end farther back, interring judge (5)
13 Trigger thrills floosie (4-5)
14 Dishonest scheme that's handled in sport (6)
16 Part hypnotised initially, in hypnotic state (7)
19 Wheel round old vessel (7)
21 Keen to pump metal into giant (6)
23 One in a stable condition reaches to grab oxygen cylinder, finally (9)
25 Some fatso ate nothing like porridge (5)
26 A number of holes in the vicinity (6)
27 I debate furiously about end of novel – possible to rewrite? (8)
29 Biscuits off one's trolley (8)

DOWN
1 Drop first of leaflets on German city (6)
2 Girl with Spanish boy smuggled in drugs (9)
3 Wig on in accordance with sport (5)
4 Sport usually played in white jumper (7)
6 Constant crime around odd parts of Spain (9)
7 Crown I buried in fictional plantation (5)
8 Agents standing around hotel, drink (8)
9 Small incision in rabbit's tail (4)
15 WWI leader needing equipment and support to protect platoon, ultimately (9)
17 An arresting artist? (9)
18 Hood, muffler on one (8)
19 Red in snooker, a red! (4)
20 Red setters after headless chicken (6)
21 Bank under better leadership – that should shake things up! (7)
22 European habit to pinch bottom in particular (5)
24 Drinks dispenser pouring special stuff, Highland Scotch, every second (5)
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