Crossword 15,928 Set by Rosa Klebb

**ACROSS**
1 Scanty smalls worn by Norm start to excite (6)
4 Is worker perhaps following order and showing deference? (8)
10 On the road he missed unusually bad weather (7)
11 Nana smuggling crystal meth back from Athens? (7)
12 Prepared contracts for study (4)
13 Scratching head, puzzle over English sensitivity in the past (10)
15 Brandished tinned fish (6)
16 He vandalises excellent maple (7)
20 Churchmen taking care of it a lot (7)
21 Florid individual given makeover (6)
24 Lad with three lower limbs not subject to the law (10)
26 Reportedly hurting fly (4)
28 Louis XIV knocked back gin boisterously (3,4)
29 Question during sex: am I nervous? (7)
30 Shunned key cut by vacuous ex-husband (8)
31 Dad settles back for aperitif (6)

**DOWN**
1 One poking fun at Murdoch in street (8)
2 What’s outstanding about a storm south of Arkansas? (9)
3 Nits turning up in health resorts (4)
5 Implore me to dump son for father (8)
6 Crapulent criminal, irate in bed (10)
7 Unclothed man content to use bidet in private (5)
8 Holding 10, quarrel regularly (6)
9 Bashful companion close to hilarity after cannabis (5)
14 Take out rubbish at leisure centre in Penge (10)
17 Varoufakis, for one, misusing emoticons (9)
18 Coax expedition’s leader into living wildly on top of Everest (8)
19 Unbeatable advice to gawpers (8)
22 Charles seemingly welcoming tenant (6)
23 Servant unblocking the toilet from below (5)
25 American out of action, accidentally shot in the arm (5)
27 Heroic story from Shanghai, oddly ignored (4)

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