## ACROSS

1 The economic crisis beginning in $1929(5,10)$
11 Parade-ground command $(5,4)$
12 A 1982 film directed by Sydney Pollack (7)
13 Like a type of engine with two particular components (4-3)
14 A director of a ballet company (9)

15 A West Indian evergreen shrub $(5,7)$
17 Pasta shaped like pearls of barley (4)
19 This medical term means "to wipe" (8)
21 A minute crustacean with a bivalve shell (8)
23 A subcontinental word meaning "authentically Asian" (4)
24 A chain of buckets used as an elevator $(6,6)$
27 Variable resistors (9)
28 An American party with folk dancing (7)
29 French island in the Indian Ocean (7)
30 Professional colleagues (from the French) (9)
31 French painter (1864-1901) (8-7)
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2 Singer of "(Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay" (7)
3 Illegal acts of terrible cruelty in eg war (10)
4 A kind of hard wheat (5)
5 Highly seasoned smoked beef (8)

6 The development of a foetus outside a body (as in science fiction) (11)
7 Liverpudlian style of English (6)
8 Pertaining to mother-and-child medicine (9)
9 Losers in the 1953 FA Cup final $(6,9)$
10 A 1902 novel by Joseph Conrad ( $5,2,8$ )
16 Malign spirit in Zoroastrianism $(5,6)$
18 A large member of the heron family $(5,5)$
20 To be played in a prolonged manner (music) (9)
22 An American ice lolly (tradename) (8)
25 A thingamy (7)
26 Relating to a mouth-like opening (6)
28 Partner of Barbera in animated film production (5)


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