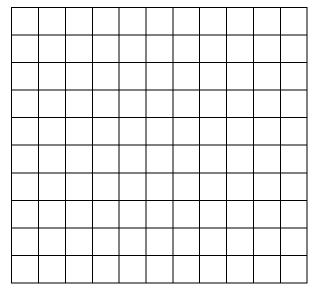
Puzzle #173 — October 2015 "Steerage"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, six are capitalized, and one is hyphenated) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Three across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless two of their letters are compacted into one cell. In addition, six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase related to the title and the



compacted letters. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Friend returned with one new game bird
- 2. Group includes rabbi for a period of time
- 3. A stream is given life with uracil
- 4. Pearls covering nobleman
- 5. Grab hornet with dislike in the extreme
- 6. Afrikaner corrals unknown dog
- 7. Island of Brother Muhammad
- 8. Newspaper lady mistakenly takes one
- 9. Fabric center in state is large
- 10. Nanny runs off with me at last
- 11. Collected nothing in pass
- 12. Mark made by rubber in strip
- 13. Saturate small tree
- 14. Courage of Christian replacing Victor in film
- 15. Seaman and mates get propeller
- 16. Base inundated by raging tide is a minus
- 17. Dodge or deviate like crazy to lose it
- 18. Papa, for example, will get a degree
- 19. Fine, chemical rot
- 20. Charlie takes the blame for a losing throw
- 21. Drive erratically going around slue
- 22. Bleaching agent, expired, getting trashed around 1st of October
- 23. Met Green sloshed on the way out
- 24. Strike youth with end of rail
- 25. Rob managed with wine
- 26. Bill gets nothing for one seed pod

Down

- 1. Slow-moving primate of Alor Island
- 2. Grassland walk announced
- 3. A bulb exploding with energy is a pretty useless thing
- 4. Breaking her vow about Earth nevertheless
- 5. Agent of petite women's clothing company
- 6. Get penny in container
- 7. West going around in state
- 8. Call to mind the day before getting approval
- 9. Flowerless plant beginning to rot in bog
- 10. Roman emperor turns up in Florence
- 11. Head of Boeing more worried about British aircraft
- 12. Stifle a lunatic
- 13. Twice smoked fish I found in MS city
- 14. Loose plaster covering child is ghostly
- 15. Stung bird without a bit of remorse
- 16. Author Helen's assassin wasting one for England
- 17. One of tennis's greats is always true
- 18. Beginning of bad weather for control center
- 19. Chase anchovy around in the ocean
- 20. Dandy palm tree containing ten megabytes
- 21. Mound of sand covers head of calcified dodo
- 22. Doctor's unhealthy practice
- 23. Pig is partly aboard
- 24. Fad ruled outlandish and very bad