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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
39 13dilong before extremes of revolution indeed (5)	Day 25 18di (7) Drawing by Frank Paul			1 22out A constitutional incident starts with seashore 'celebration meal' and Handel composition (4,3,7)	2 2di Anagram used periodically: that may refine the constitution! (3)	3 22N Une tisane abîmée: tu es hors concours, petite orpheline (5)
4 11di	5 39to	6 6di	7 17di	8 6S	9 _{29di}	10 4di
Extracts of yerba: choose one that's great in composition (4)	It shows contempt when rooibos spoils, or is being thrown out (3)	Obtain this shot to portray big action (3)	What happens on board over tax, principally (which we throw out with pride?) (6)	Headdresses may have been used for this approach, without shawls tucked under heads (7)	Nice drink from tea-urn (3)	Lyrically, I want one for my tea (for one gallon)? (3)
11 1N	12 26S	13 _{33ac}	14 _{25di}	15 _{28di}	16 28S	17 _{15di}
Midnight; last of merchandise gone, raid went well for Americans (4)	These are admirable ruses to outwit adversaries, annihilating six out of ten (4)	Mulberry, perhaps, or rhubarb mixture British eschewed (7)	Being in a hurry, fails to finish meal? (5)	Essentially dairy Assamese for which (inombre de Dios!) in Madrid they use soy? (1,2)	'Premium' brew (without most common element of PG Tips) put in jug (6)	That is after setting community right: first look in reverse of 22 (7)
18 32up-5,14di-3 ⁽²⁾ ,	19 _{32up}	20 _{5N}	21 _{16di}	22 _{37ac}	23 _{38to}	24 _{18S}
8W-2,9N-6 Shocked at mess, such a heartless stunt? Ma stands for it! (13)	Rub down, say, leaves (7)	Komorník, facing antiAmerican lobby, gutted with ill-will (6)	'They make me sick' (North, when taking in Americans' local usage of watercourse) (7)	Abused American's in no small degree less unwell (3,2,3)	Maybe this grid, looking back, essentially recalls Brown Betty (3)	I'm not sure which afternoon covers possible arrangement (4)
25 _{18di}	26 31di	27 _{10di}	28 35aw,36ac	29 _{23di}	30 30di	31 3di
'End of tax' records Republican with hindsight: 'that's very clear' (7)	Such leaves ships carried in crates (3)	Leaves in water, making, er — tea? (5)	'Extra strong' heads order from Yorkshire? Westward shift required!! (3,4)	Dish 'work of Sons of Liberty' — not 'by felons' (5)	Perhaps Brodie's therefore regularly using strainer (3)	Pepper, say — Twinings without success in shipping westward (3)
32 3s	33 24E	34 27N	35 12E-3,8W,14di-39,	36 34aw	37 21di	38 20di
Mentioned earlier, Souchong — over-old, no good, thrown out (4)	Going overboard with e.g. a push, every one boxes — of largest dimensions (5-11)	Formerly embraced by abstainer, message could be 'the cups that cheer' (4)	7E-6,19E-5 What's down under the tide, anything around this many 7 (3,7,3,6-5)	A later creation (one from many) — this meal served up by Samuel A (1,1,1)	in which echinacea, jasmine, camomile may figure (5)	Had arisen, 36 — turning into western power (3,2)

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