

ACROSS

- 1 Remove backing in parliament for plant (8)
- 5 One of two countries reportedly in disorder (6)
- 9 Back employees holding party after November (5-3)
- 10 French soldier hugs everyone cordially at first (6)
- 11 "Jack's" brand limiting cost (8)
- 12 Detective briefly lifted arm (6)
- 14 Keep firm grip (10)
- 18 Elaborate provisions to put fires out (5,5)
- 22 Talk about extremely large house (6)
- 23 Bully rode off carrying explosive (8)
- 24 Somewhat charming legal associate (6)
- 25 Producing sock that's remarkable (8)
- 26 State one gets into out of habit (6)
- 27 Scrap with feds in social club (8)

DOWN

- 1 Stop struggle after losing head with copper (6)
- 2 Disturbance caused by French peacemakers (6)
- 3 Father left daughter in Gulf state (3,3)
- 4 Stress caused by disease left inside (10)
- 6 Managing foremost of singers - not just One Direction (8)
- 7 Telling the Spanish to cut budget (8)
- 8 A cold drink oddly drew praise (8)
- 13 Pour fluid in nurse's bed (4-6)
- 15 Mince pies cooked when one's out, for example (8)
- 16 Screen writer laboured (8)

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- 17 Expensive article from Paris found in tall buildings (8)
- 19 Living, but not on track (6)
- 20 Polish soldiers OK (6)
- 21 Alarm caused by quarter of cargo disappearing (6)