ACROSS

- Wise to go around dilapidated boat that's wreck (8)
- 5 Cleaning material Alec swilled in empty bath (6)
- **9** Crazy exploit involving gunners, no good (8)
- **10** Regular characters in Rangers to view in return matches (6)
- **11** Record commotion around after copper finds miscreants (8)
- 12 Bishop aglow, that man is cheerful (6)
- 14 Heard what perfumer does is logical (5,5)
- **18** Animal most angry when pierced by insect (10)
- 22 A couple backing party for author (6)
- 23 Foresee van getting damaged with siege (8)
- 24 Stone church on turning stands erect (6)
- 25 Somewhat pooped, I greeted family (8)
- 26 Nurse relative (6)
- 27 Solitary island, making the interior very dead (8)

DOWN

- 1 Tempt Charlie to wear suede pants (6)
- 2 Just beginning to believe a bank (6)
- **3** Holding career up, needing outside support (6)
- 4 Dogs stand, eager to play (5,5)
- **6** Two French articles about, for example, English lawyer's speech (8)
- 7 Warning angler it is windy (8)
- 8 Hurried from hospital when nurse wraps bottom in bandage (8)
- **13** Envoys get irritated heading off in different directions after chaos (10)

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- 15 Promises to keep case of those garments (8)
- **16** Fine criminal with no weakness (8)
- 17 One sent away left on boat east in river (8)
- 19 In cooked balti, one regarding bone (6)
- 20 Veg about to go bad following end of summer (6)
- 21 Fed up border guard (6)

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