

**ACROSS**

- 7 Extremely desperate to stop daughter being late (8)  
 9 Hot scarf used by Pole (6)  
 10 Story about fine sock (4)  
 11 A second-class answer that priest might give (10)  
 12 Sheets in ditches (6)  
 14 One agreeing to enlist on a ship (8)  
 15 Worrying about league (6)  
 16 Hostility seen in country church (6)  
 19 Threaten complete indignation (8)  
 21 Garments I see in barrels (6)  
 23 Drive proposal to collect one tax (10)  
 24 Comfortable around weapons (4)  
 25 Resists pressure to stop dances (6)  
 26 Leaders of European countries still on cloud nine (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Decrepit old square beside East River (6)  
 2 Grouse meat (4)  
 3 When soldiers offend butcher (8)  
 4 Trees concealing small book (6)  
 5 Happy with press losing second argument (10)  
 6 Know about wine; essentially jet fuel (8)  
 8 Awful small mark after cutting face (6)  
 13 Utters poetry about island (10)  
 15 Encourages criminals to eat fish (8)  
 17 Heavy weight is breaking wooden floor (8)  
 18 Mark makes tea, reportedly (6)  
 20 Smooth guy heartlessly ensnares girl (6)  
 22 Business briefly exploiting relative (6)  
 24 Denounce leaderless religion (4)

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