

ACROSS

- 7 Tough quality of spies I'm nervous about (14)
 9 Left acting job after meeting writer (6)
 10 Locking up charming Charlie for good (8)
 11 Newspaper articles upset HMQ close to Christmas (8)
 13 Hint of merlot, or beer, or spirits (6)
 14 Put up with fatigue (4)
 15 Singer entertains castle for money (5)
 16 Order found in Pandora's Box (4)
 17 Europeans extremely generous about smell (6)
 19 In contract, second page is far from admired (8)
 21 Tyrant stopping horse can start to tremble (8)
 23 Arrest criminal that's most unusual (6)
 24 Typical MP? (14)

DOWN

- 1 Rob is right to follow Mike (14)
 2 Double axe seen in aircraft (8)
 3 One joining union secures golf game (6)
 4 Cover skin (4)
 5 Consequences of Oscar costume being shabby (8)
 6 Reagan getting nothing for a new missile launcher (6)
 8 A designer belt's tight, like some suits (6-8)
 12 Support shoulder position (5)
 15 Company vehicle in heists regularly (8)
 16 Arctic evens out exhaust pollution (4,4)
 18 Diners in festival, seconds later... (6)
 20 ...run out of gear (6)
 22 A person enthusiastic about fish (4)

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