

ACROSS

- 8 Singer put a posh car behind club (8)
 9 Reportedly looks for flight (6)
 10 Dish unfortunately returned by old lady (6)
 11 Pleasant Conservative causing damage (8)
 12 Plain boxes one left by a church (8)
 13 Beset by noise, one becomes tired (4,2)
 14 Perusing best art works in Russian city (5,10)
 18 Ship carrying fruit and weapons (6)
 20 Reports about island firm in recession (8)
 23 Soldier keen to have time for northern bird (8)
 24 Instruments in bands primarily used by fools (6)
 25 A firm behind (6)
 26 Judge cutting piece of paper was working (8)

DOWN

- 1 Hat in picture not gold (6)
 2 Gift from country supporting party (8)
 3 Chemical made by two gangsters pinching potassium and iodine (6)
 4 Delay caused by air contraptions going astray (15)
 5 I speak ill of Son of Man, say (8)
 6 Assistant put cash machine in bar (6)
 7 Marches concerning row with French (8)
 15 Judge essentially happy with pay increase (8)
 16 Bill's securing new doors (8)
 17 Money talks endlessly for officer (5,3)
 19 Bill takes a long time to make saws (6)
 21 Disease resistance infants missing at first (6)
 22 Side of European river (6)

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