

ACROSS

- 8 Present party leading country (8)
 9 Slow movement of a soldier in trouble (6)
 10 Lazy detective died east of mountain (6)
 11 Woman with stuff to sell in the dark (8)
 12 State ignoring a man that's broke (8)
 13 Suggest ignoring ardent extremists - it's not too late (2,4)
 14 Meet boring thief, reformed temporarily (3,3,4,5)
 18 Figure accused, essentially, is hiding in country (6)
 20 Everything's acceptable in reflective poetry (8)
 23 Disagreement in papers about idea (8)
 24 Finished the French whisky in bar (6)
 25 Rip off coat (6)
 26 Mature children without a child (8)

DOWN

- 1 Protect firm working to support business (6)
 2 Pervert isn't getting makeup (3,5)
 3 Theologian in queue to get toy (6)
 4 Altering son's ruined suits is hard work (15)
 5 Celtic Park is featured in show (8)
 6 Rock group gets half-cut with Jack (6)
 7 Official policies covering staff (8)
 15 Where third man may be Fidel, say (8)
 16 Cosmetic damage ultimately appears on the old ship (8)
 17 Building changing hands in ballot (8)
 19 Attempts to house British families (6)
 21 Mission regularly ignored by lawyers - it's a sign of pressure (6)
 22 Yellow vehicle carrying small journalist (6)

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