

ACROSS

- 1 Firm politician is breaking soldiers' cover (8)
 5 Feeble-minded detective engaged by boss (6)
 9 Monument seen in Greece (not a philosopher) (8)
 10 Alibi demolished by English judge (6)
 11 People who fight to get whisky for Uruguay's inhabitants (8)
 12 Pines for spouse, reportedly (6)
 14 Feature of Downing St one regards with confusion (4,6)
 18 Bill previously threw a pipe out (5,5)
 22 Bird allowed to go around boozier (6)
 23 Miserable guys, essentially, install floor (8)
 24 Clothing business? (6)
 25 Party illuminated by giant bananas (8)
 26 Become angry with children embracing soldiers (3,3)
 27 In retirement, Italian hothead keeps European animal (8)

DOWN

- 1 Spies capturing rogue, a six-footer (6)
 2 Rich tourists primarily wearing fabric from the south (6)
 3 Disturb monarch and prime minister endlessly (6)
 4 Vapour seen after staggering explosions (10)
 6 Artisans working for royal women (8)
 7 Friend that's securing blue fence (8)
 8 Preparing condiment (8)
 13 Relative working on book (10)
 15 Barrier stops pigs getting to birds (8)

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- 16 Get vet in moving picture (8)
 17 Show shirt outside jeans (8)
 19 Explain evidence of shark in river (6)
 20 Delayed, held up in attempt to get ice-cream (6)
 21 Country acquiring posh figurine (6)