

ACROSS

- 8 Photograph cracks at high temperature (8)
 9 Refusal to acknowledge Northern Ireland is in agreement (6)
 10 Account for chap having pain (4)
 11 Excellent shield controller (10)
 12 Reckon chief is just a nominal leader (10)
 14 Endless danger for a fairy (4)
 15 Some recommend or seek support (7)
 16 Said to abandon pudding (7)
 20 Almost luxurious, positive sign (4)
 22 Some turned out? Great! (10)
 23 Severe strain breaks man (10)
 24 Lad keeps note in trunk (4)
 25 Company present will stick together (6)
 26 Vehicle security man is at the front (8)

DOWN

- 1 Lack of movement in war (8)
 2 The peer holds weapon (4)
 3 Can't she assemble southern moderates? (8)
 4 Bung small hat (7)
 5 Felt great affection for a party revolutionary (6)
 6 Not inclined to be ill (10)
 7 Prefer taste without liquorice initially (6)
 13 One French old boy waited but wasn't noticed (10)
 17 Without leader, choosing and choosing (8)
 18 Game King Edward, engulfed in bullets (8)
 19 Book the substitute (7)
 21 Model so slim and supple (6)
 22 Gentle offer (6)
 24 Depressed and puffed, by the sound of it (4)

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