

ACROSS

- 1 Appear as fruit to act as chaperone (4,10)
 9 In Ghana a fine canteen service (inits) (5)
 10 Media star, craftily, to produce for the stage (9)
 11 Seat of empire (7)
 12 Incident with speedo I rigged (7)
 13 Beast had nothing in pub (4)
 14 Not a minor change one proposes (9)
 18 Always environmentally friendly tree (9)
 20 It may lure one back into the militia briefly (4)
 22 Crime can cause annoyance (7)
 25 Replace bottle containing dummy drug (7)
 26 Bit of potato cooked a lot with a sausage (9)
 27 Sum up the French muddle (5)
 28 Rebuilt Bard's theatre, do act (5,3,6)

DOWN

- 1 Actor Sean on banner? (6)
 2 Simultaneously treats oak badly (2,1,6)
 3 Fruit almost eaten by horrid germ brings glow (7)
 4 Munitions retain one regulation (9)
 5 Avoid lady accepting notice (5)
 6 Euphoria shown when heading off brother, perhaps (7)
 7 Animal is almost river duck (5)
 8 Every twist contains both sides of merri-ment (7)
 15 Monsieur Napoleon's dismantled aircraft (9)
 16 Feel bad when given soft embrace by No.11? (4-5)
 17 Soldiers meet noisy writer to celebrate (7)

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- 19 Go on an old shipwrecked boat (7)
 20 Congratulations about commercial, bringing false courage (7)
 21 Knight loves unusual works of fiction (6)
 23 Monk is a cook, we hear (5)
 24 Force out former Parliamentary legislation (5)