

ACROSS

- 7 He's a fool to hinder the boss (9)
 8 Put off the Spanish within twenty-four hours (5)
 10 Where exposures are made, but not publicly (2,6)
 11 Land in eastern country (6)
 12 Woman has nothing for brave man (4)
 13 A French leader articulate and rich (8)
 15 Tome men reprint? No, just a reminder (7)
 17 Gather a small number raise hell (7)
 20 Learnt to become easy-going (8)
 22 Mature pier destroyed (4)
 25 Seize contents of a nest (6)
 26 Disturbance may have Paul upset (8)
 27 Versatile Croat film star (5)
 28 Puts on the agenda, clues she'd rewritten (9)

DOWN

- 1 Smooth wood tree (5)
 2 Difficult situation having to fight English (6)
 3 Rejected completely, we hear (5,3)
 4 Two vehicles joined by a third one (7)
 5 Means to experiment with cricket match underground (4,4)
 6 Fans get in, smashing security device (9)
 9 Flea troubled page (4)
 14 Don't forget about prayer (9)
 16 Choice of representatives that makes one cross (8)
 18 Could be another's fishing ground (5,3)
 19 Loyal chants broadcast around university (7)
 21 Pain of little account to man (4)
 23 Voting system fit for European capital (6)
 24 Left port weighed down (5)

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