

ACROSS

- 9 A tedious person holding one drink for a native Australian (9)
10 A bit, separated (5)
11 Leather worker requires small adjustable ladder (7)
12 Temporary home, one in name (7)
13 Bear having stall for goods (9)
16 Complete the sum (5)
17 Reticent about a French river on the way (13)
20 Spoken reminder of tailback (5)
21 Brave to seize quartet then swan around (9)
24 A name is confused – result of this? (7)
25 Opera character has noisy meeting with a knight (7)
27 Rush into ranch as tenant (5)
28 Top man's sound tribute to the dead (9)

DOWN

- 1 Conflict witnessed in capital (6)
2 Winner's medal left in Mars, say (4)
3 End piece of toy slide loosens and gives way (6)
4 Complain bitterly about fibber (4)
5 Timely sort of police raid (10)
6 General helper, with round stomach, after the truth (8)
7 Country craze grips university girl (10)
8 Sadly I must list first half of inducements (7)
14 Sender sent off to find compassion (10)
15 Tough paras making signs (10)
18 Go too far, finished with rearing domestic animals (8)

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- 19 Soft drink quickly finished (7)
22 In France, here is the most cold (6)
23 Vehicle for two in violet and emerald (6)
25 Attempt to include a shallow container (4)
26 Temperature hot on the other hand, for God (4)