

ACROSS

- 1 Follow member of the clergy and opposition politician (6,8)
- 9 Thing turning in the dark (5)
- 10 Story of musical, right, ran in reverse (9)
- 11 Put down the phone, no longer engaged? (4,3)
- 12 Allow nettle to be shifted around one (7)
- 13 Bearing to go through Amiens (4)
- 14 She'd clued differently as arranged (9)
- 18 Sit up? Just the opposite, withdraw from contest (5,4)
- 20 Might ring for little topping (4)
- 22 Trade vehicles (7)
- 25 American city worker in guarded surroundings (5,2)
- 26 Soldier with some hesitation becomes a pirate (9)
- 27 Don't start card game on hilltop (5)
- 28 Unstable molecule – chip it as a, b or c (8-6)

DOWN

- 1 Guard seen initially by doorway (6)
- 2 French money held by a country (9)
- 3 Our town sadly no longer in fashion (7)
- 4 Policy statement is plain, love (9)
- 5 Señor upset Scandinavian (5)
- 6 Tilted insect in snow vehicle (7)
- 7 Order somewhat predictable (5)
- 8 Member aims to create myths (7)
- 15 Like a mobile worker's release (5-4)
- 16 Placed ideally in conifer (9)

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- 17 Type of atom is getting round with highest energy (7)
- 19 Openly disobedient, fainted when punished (7)
- 20 King, perhaps, performing in parade (7)
- 21 Move back and surrender again (6)
- 23 Cease to be consumed by gold for so long (5)
- 24 Yes-man caught nobleman returning (5)