

ACROSS

- 3 Major armed conflict (3)
- 7 Hot pepper (6)
- 8 Ask earnestly (6)
- 9 Bet against heavy odds (4,4)
- 10 Blunt-nosed rodent (4)
- 11 Head journalist on a newspaper (6)
- 12 Border round a garment (6)
- 15 Develop or come into view (6)
- 18 Prominence (6)
- 20 Pony carriage (4)
- 22 Indoor athletes (8)
- 23 Oppressive ruler (6)
- 24 Skilled speaker (6)
- 25 Plant similar to the sweet potato (3)

DOWN

- 1 Famous relic in Turin (6)
- 2 Friendly term for a pest (8)
- 3 Dry up (6)
- 4 Sir Simon ____, eminent conductor (6)
- 5 Black marketeer (4)
- 6 Visit, drop by (4,2)
- 11 Seeing organ (3)
- 13 Huntsman's cry (4,4)
- 14 Juniper spirit (3)
- 16 Sufferer for a cause (6)
- 17 Four score (6)
- 18 Amusing film about relationships (6)
- 19 Surname of British actresses Emma and Emily (6)
- 21 Dramatic work (4)

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