

ACROSS

- 1 Plague, hound (9)
8 Creative influence (4)
9 Monetary expert (9)
10 ___ de France, cycling race (4)
13 ___ Arabia, Mecca's country (5)
16 Very fat (5)
17 Shirk (5)
18 Colourful part of a flower (5)
19 Spiny plants found in the desert (5)
20 ___ John, singer/songwriter (5)
21 Localities (5)
24 Misprint (4)
27 Exposed to the elements (9)
28 Feel sorry for (4)
29 Gaiety (9)

DOWN

- 2 Eastern chieftain (4)
3 Long-necked aquatic bird (4)
4 Chocolate powder (5)
5 Walk (on) (5)
6 No longer current (3,2,4)
7 Laying down the law (9)
11 Use a keyboard without looking at the keys (5-4)
12 Equally to each individual (3,6)
13 Colour of old photos (5)
14 Disconnect or loosen (5)
15 Wastes time (5)
22 Lift, elevate (5)
23 Variety of birch (5)
25 Moved through water (4)
26 ___ my word, goodness me! (4)

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