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ACROSS

9 Broadcast scandal involving most important supporter? (9)
10 Member first to occupy unsettled place? (5)
11 Ready to receive what one deserves that's not yet paid (7)
12 Communists welcoming Socialists shunning Democratic Right (7)
13 Sailor returning adult's sheepish call (3)
14 Use result of sport commercial screening national race (4,3,4)

17 Moving rook out of skewer exposes bishop? (5)

18 Blue tit regularly arranged flowers and leaves (3)

19 Constant craving to hide (5)

21 Type of hedging, when entering and leaving home, that calms fears (11)

23 Recently recruited reporter's experienced (3)

25 This type of crisis suggests uncertainty (7)

27 International smuggler gets hold of more fluid (7)

28 Articles in French journal about speed of light being relative (5)

29 What misrepresents the author's position? (9)

DOWN

1 Lap dancing upset mob's composure (6)

2 We hear toilet's features have reduced standing (4,4)

3 People controlling estates almost score drugs (10)

4 Moderate support for artist finishes prematurely (4)

5 Play about *Life, The Universe and Everything* (10)

6 Good boy is very willing (4)

7 Claim pedestrianisation curbs delay (6)

8 Interpret arguments against in an accurate fashion (8)

15 Doctor recalling closure of theatre giving rise to rows here (10)

16 What should lead to item splitting troubled residence? (6,4)

17 Soldier married our beloved (8)

20 *America*'s omitted from uninterrupted musical accompaniment (8)

22 Cite in evidence university dons to sum up void case (6)

24 Person who supervises retreat in the aftermath of battle (6)

26 Impractical person wants to

systematically write down thought (4)

27 Transported in carriage with top down (4)