Crossword 17,481 Set by JULIUS

**ACROSS**

1. Time to leave port, having forged eighth hidden identity? (4,4)

5. Published, and gets taken to court (6)

10. Colonnade in Portuguese city, almost freezing! (7)

11. Part of thorny plant making stocking tear according to Spooner (7)

12. Bar established work (5)

13. Take out scatty cat, dearie (9)

14. It’s clear it’ll be needed when wrapping Xmas presents (8,4)

18. Spent Monday working to secure women’s deposits (4,8)

21. Ethnic oil works from the Stone Age (9)

23. Escort you, me and that lady (5)

24. Old residence of Pontiff which still has a Pont (if short) (7)

25. International publication censors Arizona picture (7)

**DOWN**

1. Retail customer ignoring South American painter (6)

2. Spin around Germany on vacation — give the thumbs up (6)

3. Took LSD — in an excited state fell over (7,2)

4. Held by frayed rope, very thin...guys — stop what you’re doing! (4,10)

6. Returning US vessel has 25% off fare from Japan (5)

7. Have Paul round (which means disruption) (8)

8. Papa enters — wiped, drained (8)

9. Wicked Amir recognised Mafia group (9,5)

15. Prevent our agenda being interrupted by camp followers (9)

16. Adam’s garden rubbish piled on top of English anteater (8)

17. GOP is now in trouble, dropping suddenly (8)

19. The endlessly split economy? (6)

20. Mate...fine day in Paris, nothing in store (6)

22. Private Victor losing wife (5)

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