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ACROSS

- 1 Parasitic plant from which smack can be derived? (9)
- **6** Politician in bit of a lather about deprived areas? (5)
- **9** Manly pants split in two places by a foreigner (7)
- 10 State of the French? Heading for bankruptcy shortly! (7)11 Express trains finally off at first green light
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- party (9)

 14 Lawyer requiring essentially juridical PA (3)
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- blew up (7,4)

 17 Having gone off, it's who slept very fast (7-4)
- **19** Letter of support (3)
- 20 One who buys press release about posh royal pursuit (9)
- 22 Object used in Belgrade murders (5)
- 24 Leftover a Parisian polished off (7)26 American stores north Jamaican athlete
- opens up? (7)
 27 Ultimate of drunks sleeps in refuse containers (5)
- 28 What discharged hospital patients did is sinister (9)

DOWN

- 1 One's into Slormgorm and primarily strong, silent types (5)
- **2** At the death, Rangers appeared wide open (7)
- **3** Tale Tory concocted about socialist leader in Bury (3,2,4)
- 4 Can sot write after mixing refreshing drinks? (5,6)5 On regular occasions, Beverly's a slippery
- customer (3)

 6 Detectives going over bishop's outstanding bille? (5)
- bills? (5)

 7 Medium-sized whale seen around hot
- holiday destination (7)

 8 Smooth jam that a swinger might pull out
- of bag? (4,5)

 13 Anatomical structure cut off rat or monkeys
- (7,4)
- 14 Power showers not working and power circuits not starting (9)16 Lip-shaped device that helps with love-
- making? (6,3)

 18 Old prime minister deporting Dutch citizen
- abroad (7) **19** Acrobat who trips up must be out of head
- 21 Detests exotic starter covered in Scotch bonnets? (5)
- **23** Dangers of body-searches put off felons initially (5)
- 25 Nothing left after last of loot stolen from fool (3)