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ACROSS

- 1 Deny policeman's allegation (8)
- **6** Trump a gambler, might one say? (6)
- **9** Secret court gathering concluded (6)
- 10 Sled turned back in speed control (8)
- 11 Attractive young producer? (5,5)
- **12** Long for courage, heading off (4)
- 13 Empty one container into another (6)
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- 15 Region producing a Laotian? (8)18 Undistinguished doctor about to admit
- nothing (8)

 20 Prussian chap who's counting the
- calories? (6)
- 21 Married a right Charlie? That's the spirit! (4)
- 23 Intransigence of priest very strange (10)
- **25** The pain enjoyed by the Marquis de Sade? (8)
- 26 Ready for your trip to Tel Aviv? (6)
- 27 Scoffed after British defeated (6)
- **28** Nancy's very amorous advance causing offence (8)

DOWN

- **2** To protect against infection I clean out building (9)
- **3** Best stuff has E in it (5)
- **4** Tyrannical king ousted by beginning of May? It's inevitable (9)
- **5** Snake biting retired Irish music-maker (7)
- **6** Children's ride full of creepy-crawlies? (5)
- 7 Call Harry then elope (9)
- 8 John's left boarding school (5)
- 14 Drink with followers after a battle (9)
- **16** To whom postman will deliver speech on drugs? (9)
- 17 Lethargy of northern sentries appalling(9)
- (9)
 19 Thoughtful article about Hemingway?
- On the contrary (7)
- **22** Informed about conflict between America and half of EU (5)
- 23 Don still in bed, upset (3,2)
- 24 Skin up after son's siesta? (5)