The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS
1 East African country (8)
6 Concerned with government spending (6)
9 Marine holiday (6)
10 Robber, bandit (7)
11 Geese, ducks etc (8)
12 Stadium, pitch (6)
13 Follow (5)
15 Chatted (8)
17 Forbearance (8)
19 Juicy orchard fruit (5)
21 Move restlessly (6)
23 Football match interval (4, 4)
25 Atlantic island group (7)
26 Aristocracy (6)
27 To do with the mind (6)
28 Unforgiving, merciless (8)

DOWN
2 Stretch tie out for little creature (7)
3 One laid out epic story (5)
4 Ancient emperor and leaderless revolutionary (9)
5 Unscrupulous lawyer harms balance with cause's odd characters, maybe (9, 6)
6 Cast for fish after start of flood (5)
7 Popular TV show thus links to a popular music period (4, 5)
8 One joins old poet in a steady way (7)
14 Flickering lights on second weapon (9)
16 First-class firm hides awful flop (3-6)
18 Friendly expression of self-examination of competence? (7)
20 Sound of activity with user having broken bone (7)
22 Asian shadow boxing middleweight to start with (5)
24 Take up part of recital – a note of musical quality (5)

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KLAAREMR
ALLOTTRANSLATE
PHYSICIANPAGAN
YRTIES
FARMERINSTINCT
AIERGAA
MIGRATEDAMUSET
STATESEE
LAUGHULTIMATE
OGLSEAEE
EXUBERANTNYLON
ISTUTCUT
SELECTIVITY
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