ACROSS

- **1** Lee built lining strangely can't understand it! (14)
- 9 Plagiarist ultimately copies cassettes (5)
- **10** Another allusion about victory of snooker's Ronnie (9)
- **11** Artillerymen follow scramble to get on (3,4)
- 12 Acrobat one's seen on bars (7)
- 13 We are heartless or used to be! (4)
- 14 Complicated tale a bore spun (9)
- 18 Trouble, so Reuters turned up (9)
- 20 Offer to curb new nuisance (4)
- **22** Significant yet express contempt (3,4)
- 25 Steer left in the German car (7)
- 26 Lovers' getaway, from work in part (9)
- 27 Helps wild beast (5)
- 28 Dish with muscle to boot (4,10)

DOWN

- 1 Speaks truest translation (6)
- **2** As part of sole right, I shielded hospitalised person (2-7)
- **3** Having died willingly? (7)
- 4 Loses one's composition careless behaviour (9)
- 5 One night in Bordeaux with people up north? (5)
- **6** Batting with leg ring is neither here nor there (2,5)
- 7 Either way it's equal (5)
- 8 Attempts to head off ten recordings (7)
- 15 Locate and destroy, according to gossip (9)
- **16** Cancellation of man with tunnel to reconstruct (9)
- 17 Sneakily copied two places to sleep (7)

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- 19 Person inwardly breaking nose, pixie (7)
- 20 Country has it in intellect (7)
- 21 Nick is on after Peter, gutted (6)
- 23 Bird goes unsteadily round the ring (5)
- 24 For example, tell tale about vassal (5)