ACROSS

- 9 Officially lay down before writer (9)
- 10 Handy having nothing to coalesce (2,3)
- 11 Indecisive article in heartless journal (7)
- 12 Pioneer sorting letters (7)
- 13 I can still create a spark (9)
- 16 Walk for a bet? No good (5)
- **17** Newspaper staff carrying messages? (9,4)
- 20 Spend money, about 50, twice, like a mate (5)
- 21 Flying Icarus, too shocking (9)
- 24 Master returns with German dish (7)
- 25 It's felt the factory worker came first (7)
- 27 Musical's arrival time, about six (5)
- **28** Modern things arranged for programme seen on weekday evenings (9)

DOWN

- 1 Suit passed over (6)
- 2 Patch up Thailand obligation (4)
- 3 In France, here is the most cold (6)
- 4 Minute in moment in year (4)
- 5 Communist photographer, seeing fish (3,7)
- 6 Remove cap to mob harsh institution (4,4)
- 7 Fuss caused by city with a bear (10)
- 8 Line catching stray dog (7)
- **14** 'Utopian' could be italicised (10)
- **15** Orlando revised ace novel (5,5)
- **18** Get pay in circulation from Cairo (8)

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- **19** Raced round vessel when given the cold shoulder (7)
- 22 Dog tooth? (6)
- 23 Seated, fidgeting, though calm (6)
- 25 Sad sound of a home bird (4)
- 26 Nothing on limb but building bricks (4)