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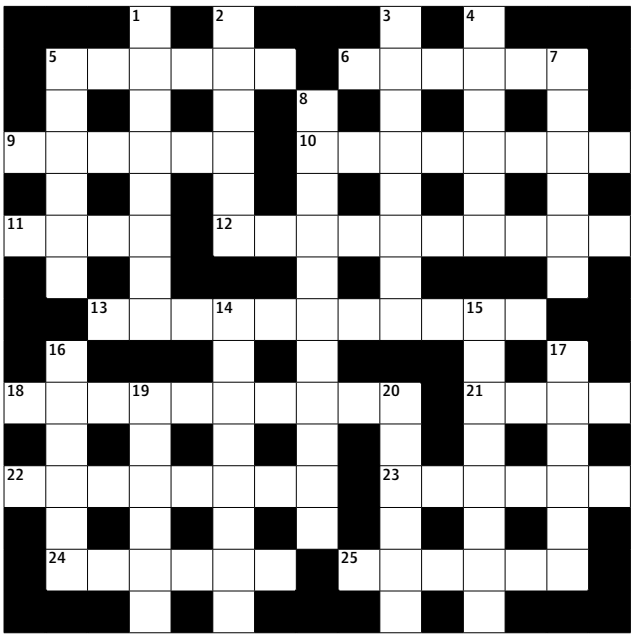

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Across

5 Insignificant river in 2 (6)
6 Strong river in 2 (6)
9 Country setter has 2 briefly after 11 (6)
10 Repercussions from breaking bow in 2 (8)
11 Tremendous acceleration in 2 (4)
12 Controlled strictly, say (I meant heartlessly) in 2 (10)
13 Fundamentalist belief of Zionist, sadly beheaded in 2 (11)
18 Bullied by French beast holding one in 2 (10)
21 Vocalisation of friendship, when separated (4)
22 Minor annoyance demands slight reduction of cost in 2 (8)
23 Wanting too much from edition in 2 (6)
24 Cover over books of empty talk maybe from 10 (3,3)
25 Humbug puts silver in 2 (6)

Down

1 Contrive to energise with change of polarity (8)
2 After poisonous gas, look black and go red (6)
3 Driver to test the golden isle (8)
4 South African city bar renovated in 2 (6)
5 Bound to be busy (4,2)
7 Just the thing to let one travel (6)
8 Married criminal's misplaced article: take leader off for disastrous decision (1,3,7)
14 Primate's go slow providing appetiser (8)
15 Drown in beer mugs, possibly (8)
16 Spirit of anger enveloping one (6)
17 Crossing game (6)
19 American deer to hand back for Italian one (6)
20 Slight problem for horse, say, in river (6)

Solution No. 25,836