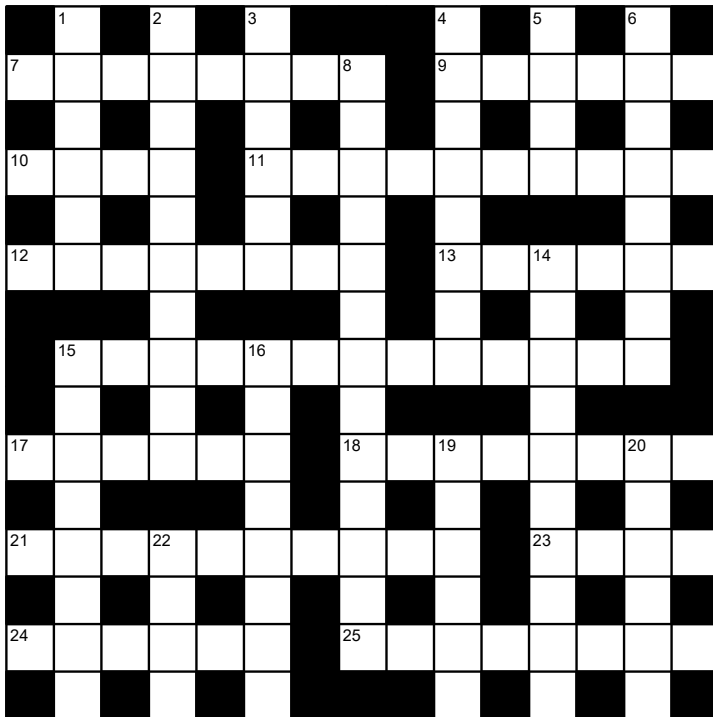


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ACROSS

- 7 Ten races gone wrong - performs again (8)
- 9 Reach a river that is running amok (6)
- 10 Dock man who assaulted PM Chrétien (4)
- 11 Owl marked a damaged bird (10)
- 12 Denial he messed up in top news item (8)
- 13 Left enveloped in blemish of Russian leader (6)
- 15 In business slump firm may start to relieve the tension (13)
- 17 Obviously hurt, but with no right to be frightened (6)
- 18 Plunderer has beer after lip turned back (8)

- 21 Snag is in confusion men tip about ten cents (10)
- 23 Strong yearning found in Inuit children (4)
- 24 Stiffener in paver's tar chipper (6)
- 25 Way to be sincere is the most demanding (8)

DOWN

- 1 Explain meaning of French penalty (6)
- 2 One who presents terrible rot in leader (10)
- 3 Seafood found in his camp inedible (6)
- 4 State animal with swift start departs (8)
- 5 Spoken in poor allocution (4)
- 6 A translation resulting in revulsion (8)
- 8 Buyers circling the broken down racer are certain type of farmers (13)
- 14 I am surrounded by a countries spirited activities (10)
- 15 Massacre rodents rising in a specified time (8)
- 16 Period of darkness possibly to have unruly din (7)
- 19 He's beginning in a little while to get ready to shave (6)
- 20 Séance arranged to close things up (6)
- 22 Gain a means of hearing news first (4)

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