ACROSS

- 1 Flies, beetles etc (7)
- **5** Letting contract (5)
- 8 News exclusive (5)
- 9 Country, capital Quito (7)
- 10 Salaried staff (7)
- **11** Slovenly untidy people (5)
- **12** Neglected state (6)
- 14 Musical term meaning quickly (6)
- 18 Made on a loom (5)
- **20** Concert or narration (7)
- **22** At the start (5,2)
- 23 Tobruk's country (5)
- **24** ___ Fiennes, actor (5)
- 25 Change a hairdo (7)

DOWN

- 1 Dull, flavourless (7)
- **2** Grimy (5)
- 3 Those who take prisoners (7)
- 4 Respectable (6)
- 5 Boorish hooligans (5)
- **6** Taxing (7)
- 7 Continental currency units (5)
- **13** More than a few (7)
- 15 Orders back (7)
- 16 Absent from work or duty (2,5)
- 17 Dealer in cloth (6)
- **18** Crisp biscuit (5)
- **19** V-shaped cut or indentation (5)
- 21 Striped domestic cat (5)

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