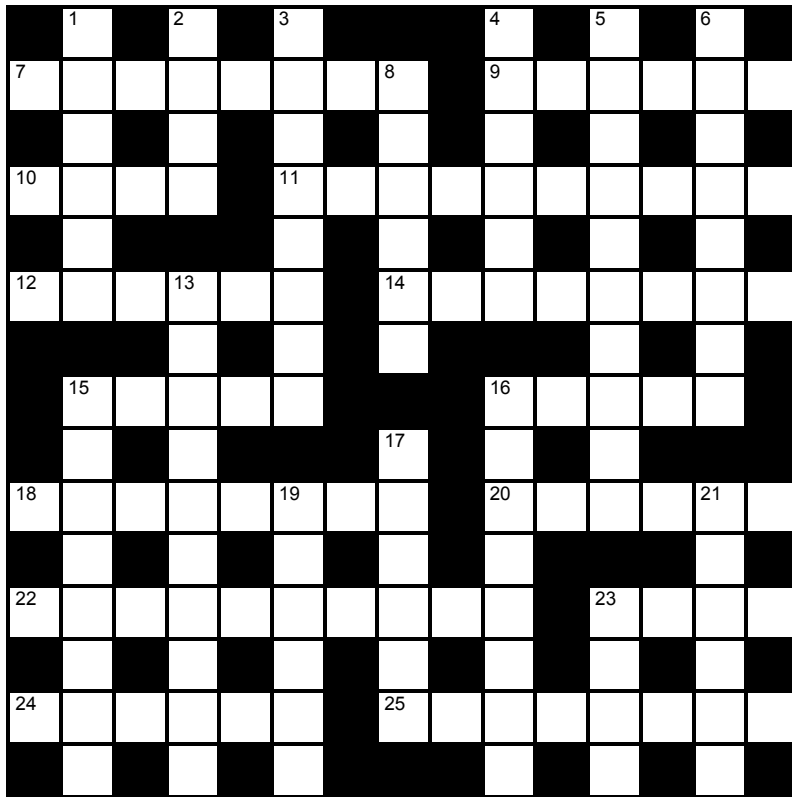


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Follow the clues to find and answer a question hidden in the grid



Across

- 7 Times hit badly in organised siege (8)
 9 Had a right to behead academic (6)
 10 European wearing hat band (4)
 11 Implicated martinet with troops killer (10)
 12 Never-ending passage from Exeter newspaper (6)
 14 In contact with communist to arrest person in custody (2,6)
 15 Tight son eats nothing (5)
 16 I may be replaced by left in Labour's strikes (5)

- 18 A recipient with no desire for change (8)
 20 Lad with attitude has problem welcoming Unionist (6)
 22 Last course - go in a blaze potentially (10)
 23 Eruptions some teenagers produce (4)
 24 Threads fifty keys together (6)
 25 Trumpets executive demands (8)
- Down**
- 1 European city's street is the best (6)
 2 Reservation expressed by man in the morning (4)

- 3 Other woman's married I emphasise (8)
 4 First Lord of the Treasury briefly leaves awful premiere with stranger (6)
 5 Economist's supporting tramp in routine jobs (10)
 6 Ambassador's superior returns with amazing ladies (8)
 8 Church teaching native about financial arrangement (6)
 13 Henry leaves dilapidated herbal store in salvageable condition (10)

- 15 Arrangement of music for child not in the Orient (8)
 16 Not a lot of sheep dash off when pursued by gutless collie (8)
 17 Something sweet - stockings worn by old flame! (6)
 19 Wet form of publicity (6)
 21 Exhume bishop buried under a French prostitute (6)
 23 Radical books thrown away in anger? (4)