Crossword 15,898 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS
1 Woman on side of motorway subject to strain (8)
5 Son has no trousers (6)
10 Setter in Germany wears short fur cape (5)
11 Fantastic island for bit of fish (6,3)
12 Half-cut lads take clothes from washer (9)
13 Aggrieved and tense after bus passes oddly withdrawn (5)
14 Perhaps sole snapper of fine individual women (6)
15 Reportedly late home after good tipple (4,3)
18 Lazy student with an abridged book (7)
20 Knight disposing of leftover blade (6)
22 Tartan skirts spurned by kids on Penny Lane (5)
24 Bit of railway in Lake District unfortunately not lit (9)
25 Documentary about content of sports pages (9)
26 Lily’s relative Antonio never rings (5)
27 Begs escort to wear panties inside out (6)
28 Second-rate celeb with yen for bubbly (8)

DOWN
1 Cross nursing staff leaving station in silence (6)
2 Privacy of uncle is so compromised! (9)
3 Plump bore exhibiting poor posture (5-10)
4 Retired Irishman’s first to start singing the blues (7)
6 Old pacifists carving a nose flute in Goa (6,2,7)
7 Hits copper with brief expression of annoyance (5)
8 Anna is to play short composition (8)
9 Bachelors avoid cribs, bibs and mess (6)
16 Cordial, endearing jockey (9)
17 100 lire – suitable charge for rhubarb (8)
19 Discouraging nudism, allocates clothes (6)
20 Eric who ran key cutting discount chain (7)
21 Scrawny relatives south of small city (6)
23 Plenty of beer keeping male quiet (5)

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