CROSSWORD
No. 15,889 Set by MONK

ACROSS
8 Perform display around north of ancient Greece? (6)
9 Sign almost marks where submerged activity may be seen (8)
10 Tax charge on deliveries (8)
11 ID carried by former fighter in high-up troops (6)
12 Young English Catholic novelist (6)
13 Supremacist response curtailed in airline article (8)
14 Daughter stops dating, sorting out better players (7)
16 Using post, distribute tights (7)
20 Valve that’s half dry in part (8)
23 Inability to read law stopping excellent start for 17 (6)
25 Dominant group in area left stage briefly (6)
26 Said dismal king trapping foreign character, one who was grounded (5,3)
27 Scoff on the way (8)
28 The beast of Blenheim Palace? (6)

DOWN
1 Approach criminal on the brink (8)
2 Savage, caustic old author taking new lead (6)
3 Lacking gravity, funny man regularly touring alone (8)
4 Warhol sunk, finally arrested by extremely vindictive sort of fuzz? (7)
5 Republic overturned denial in one month (6)
6 Criminal also undermining support plan (8)
7 Governess expected girl to turn up (6)
15 Heard dog barking in a port (8)
17 Don’s half cutting bills (8)
18 You and I sold out in a hateful way (8)
19 For each climbing record, a climber may climb this (7)
21 Hungry hippo, extremely large and depressed (6)
22 Kids regularly chasing match ball (6)
24 Legally precludes unnamed stepson for beating (6)

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SAILOR, RAIN, DROP,
COMPACT, EAU,
SAIL, PRESENT, TAILS,
IRON, ABHORRENCE,
DEPOSIT, BEAGLE.