CROSSWORD
No. 16,097 Set by PETO

ACROSS
1  Rapidly changing US port (6)
4  Overjoyed by quote about taking in abandoned cats (8)
9  About to prepare for an attack (5)
10  Develop a way to check the origin of merchandise entering Ireland (9)
11  Calling for volunteers at end of event in Swiss town (7)
12  Extremely vulnerable after English soldiers make chase (7)
13  Former pupil starts to object even as it’s played (4)
14  Characteristic of possessions collectively (8)
17  Seabird circling cold region somewhere in New Zealand (8)
19  Unattached and available (4)
22  Chinese scepticism reported by charity (7)
24  Settles for just less eventually in court (5,2)
25  Result in dress being thrown together (9)
26  Writer distraught after wife leaves for judge (5)
27  Avoid in part backing favourites (8)
28  Footman’s deficiency Pepys regularly ignored (6)

DOWN
1  Get high on it for a short time before regularly taking crack (4,4)
2  Dance star following manager to Australia (5,4)
3  Act without restraint in rental property near Split (3,3)
5  Agreeing with second report revised to include Norway (13)
6  Set off with 26 Germans on board (7)
7  Right about excellent mounting on American’s jewelled headband (5)
8  Cunning Brexiteer speaking in support of Chequers at first (6)
10  When everyone’s out of kilter knight agrees to change (7,6)
15  Standard in vehicle set up with gear changing device (9)
16  Risk finding padre cavorting with Joy (8)
18  Vexed by Jesse oddly missing with punches (7)
20  Peto absorbed in Welshman’s poems (6)
21  Only some remember that old lace collar (6)
23  Defenceless king strangled by cleric from behind (5)

Solution 16,096