CROSSWORD
No. 16,094 Set by CRUX

ACROSS
1  Country said to be behind a joint effort (5-6)
7  Monopolise a source of meat (3)
9  Accustom Jack to ignore harm (5)
10 Sounds like a cover-up by expert is free (9)
11 Make an angry fuss as Adam and Eve did (5,4)
12, 15 I must talk freely; not easy to do for a man! (5-4)
13 It may prove impossible to express .... disgust, that is (7)
15 See 12
16 False criminal charge comes from final act in theatre? (6-2)
17 Start employing French duke, a mostly conservative master (8)
18, 20 Unfeeling, like 20 down, literally (4-7)
23 Head of school’s lost direction indicated by this (5)
24 Genuine alloy of gold with one tenth carbon (9)
26 Long form of coat created by son in 8 (9)
27 Rare kind of ballgame, clearly not a success (2-3)
28 The French way to show regret (3)
29 Wicked stepmother and daughter finally display impatience (5,6)

DOWN
1  Move from Arab state to protect head of government (8)
2  From roundabout I queue for it perhaps (8)
3  A question with its answer? (5)
4  24 asleep oddly after drinking this? (4,3)
5  A seat won second time in opposition (7)
6  Special mixture to contain morning sickness (9)
7  Restrict movement of black bishop in a spot (6)
8  Unnamed fallen angel in charge of language (6)
14  Robin bats and pulls a fast one (9)
16  False criminal charge comes from final act in theatre? (6-2)
17  Start employing French duke, a mostly conservative master (8)
19  Game needs help with tennis shot, upset over nothing (7)
20  The object of a post-war burial (7)
21  More peaceful destiny, so to speak (6)
22  Nativity scene in church held by native American (6)
25  Man from the north drowned in lake (5)