ACROSS
1  Novelist Roald's 23as narrated by Spooner (7,7)
9  PhD returned during day to the French fort city (7)
10  Retired sailor using LSD a lot (3,4)
11  Norwegian King garlanded with bouquet (5)
12  Skive off with Alec and claim this? (4,5)
13  Washed up silver 11 coin (6)
15  Mr Klein drops in, sending back soda for something stronger (8)
18  Corner section of theatrical scenery (3,5)
19  Caught sight of Elvis's fringes, of various colours (6)
21  In adulthood now, Keats rejected combat (3,4,2)
23  He's taking bets for both sides about a “yes” vote (5)
25  A daughter of Mnemosyne, right one to provide inspiration! (7)
26  Slavery of the debt era? (7)
27  Head of History in Merkel's school developed an enquiring mind (8,6)

DOWN
1  Boca Juniors holding player from Baton Rouge (5)
2  Sold 22 off for garrison town (9)
3  11 people reported oversight (5)
4  Pain at its worst, therefore lie down (6)
5  Press college boy for battleship (8)
6  Con government, nothing special, treated by the media with these? (3,6)
7  Southern African American stuck between US coastal cities (5)
8  Placed emphasis on turnover of sweets (8)
13  German shepherd posed being embraced by a pin-up (8)
14  Berlin chap takes in Buddhist temple, it's heaven-sent! (8)
16  RAF turns up in limitless number circling Cheshire factory (5,4)
17  11 involved with wicked CIA plot (8)
20  Look about for vacant minicab in Indonesian island (6)
22  Scratch top of fireside clay (5)
23  An opponent of Spock's stripped-down language (5)
24  Foul smells left opening of Scotsman's trousers (5)

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