Crossword 15,644 Set by Redshank

ACROSS
1 River Test suitable for factories? (10)
7 Did 13, as stated, box? (4)
9 Noisy drunk that attracts attention (4)
10 Two slices of pork or game (10)
11 Despicable guy brought back, given time inside (6)
12 Seek a man out who's confused with someone else (8)
13 Pay lip service to very big copper behind schedule? (8)
15 City Remoulds supply it (4)
17 Leave this way, about to be expelled (4)
19 Singer, upset with worried daughter, wailed (8)
22 Book one Irish town briefly for contest (8)
23 Marx doesn't finish beef (6)
25 Prof passes round English papers – I slump (10)
26 New primate has some neck! (4)
27 Second-hand American edition (4)
28 Consignments food shop confirms, no doubt (10)

DOWN
2 They don’t appear to eat or wash regularly (2-5)
3 Complete idiot needing no introduction (5)
4 Boat going off? I dumped sledge (8)
5 Fiery Toscanini hosts irate queen by lake, fiddling (15)
6 Two birds regurgitated seeds (6)
7 Position textbook? (4,5)
8 Game sister tackles it after I quit (7)
14 Guide turned out to be lacking instruction (9)
16 Doctor brought up nurses to encourage new writer (8)
18 Practise wrestling without one? Unlikely (7)
20 He takes flight in case fresh relief needed (7)
21 Muggy day stopped trading (6)
24 Proprietor's 25, heading off (5)

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