Crossword 15,656 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS
1 Shocking no-ball I belted back across stagnant pool (9)
6 Acting heads of iffy hedge funds earn trillion nicker (5)
9 Very famous reporter is half-cut (1-4)
10 I refer to a play that everyone can watch (4-2-3)
11 Obstinately unshaven guards love sailors (10)
12 Applaud evacuation of central Antwerp (4)
14 Tiny step in the direction of European dominance (3-4)
15 He observed heavenly bodies of female stars on island (7)
17 Use amenity whenever you like (3,4)
19 Extremely saturnine posh chap devours seconds and explodes (4,3)
20 Initially hoping beer is healthy (4)
22 He drugs old ladies, a niche interest (5,5)
25 Italian smoker from Bristol prancing round home unclothed (9)
26 Georgia Brown swapped briefs (5)
27 Liberal dons tweeted in the vernacular (5)
28 Films about Berlioz oddly ignored last of old tunsmiths (9)

DOWN
1 Orchestral players start to swear, wearing women’s underwear (5)
2 Dropping new name, Lenin no doubt relaxed (9)
3 It fights infection in short and underdeveloped bone of the ear (4)
4 Provided unlimited coffee and wine (7)
5 Dismal delay for airborne migrant (7)
6 Regularly removing trustful dancer’s clothing (4)
7 Finally getting rid of banks altogether (2,3)
8 A third of fitted carpeting is non-flammable (9)
9 Unimaginative lot fated to wander around Foreign Office (4-6)
10 Leaves boxes of pine to be engulfed by matches (3,6)
11 Unfinished business observed by policeman behind WC (5,4)
12 Repetitive strain injury of Mr A Rowe (7)
13 Watch predecessor put students up (7)
14 Grub of spectacular variety (5)
15 Collect idiot’s confession (5)
16 Self-satisfied fools moving closer to summit (4)

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