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- 1 Large group of people who live in southern Mozambique; the language spoken by these people (6)
- 4 Siberian peasant monk who was religious advisor in the court of Nicholas II; was assassinated by Russian noblemen who feared that his debauchery would weaken the monarchy (1872-1916) (8)
- **9** Wave on the surface of a lake or landlocked bay; caused by atmospheric or seismic disturbances (6)
- **10** Algerian person of French descent (4,4)
- **12** Form of mesoamerican pre-columbian sculpture (8)
- 13 Trees in Central Africa (6)
- **15** A bore who is extremely formal, pompous, and old-fashioned (7,5)
- **18** Former name for Botswana (12)
- 21 Convert (plant remains) into humus (6)
- **22** As said (2,6)
- **24** A lavatory (particularly a lavatory in a public place) (8)
- 25 Stately court dance in the 17th century (6)

Down

- 1 A representative legal action whose outcome is likely to become a precedent (4,4)
- 2 Fragrant aromatic herb used as seasoning(8)
- **3** Facetious expression describing one's last journey (2,4,4,5)
- 5 The largest continent with 60% of the earth's population (4)
- 6 Making into an area where no vehicles are allowed (15)
- 7 Religion adhering to the teaching of Laotzu (6)
- 8 German physicist and chemist who formulated the third law of thermodynamics (1864-1941) (6)
- 11 Seats for riding on the back of a camel or elephant (7)
- **14** Dry red Italian table wine from Tuscany (7)
- 16 An upholstered armchair (8)
- 17 Gauge consisting of an instrument to measure the quantity of precipitation (8)

- **26** The particular portion of space occupied by something (8)
- 27 One time dealer in eggs (6)

- **19** Appear or become visible (4,2)
- 20 The separation of the parts of a compound word by the intervention of one or more words; as, in what place soever, for whatsoever place (6)
- 23 Another name for burdock (4)