LAST RADIUM VICTIM DIES

28th to Succumb From Malady Contracted Almost 25 Years Ago

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ORANGE, N. J., Nov. 18—Mrs. Albina Maggia Larice, 52 years old, today became the twenty-eighth recorded victim of radium poisoning among former employes of the United States Radium Corporation here. She died at her home, 607 Nassau Street, here, of the poisoning contracted at the plant nearly twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Larice was the last to survive of five women who sued the corporation for damages in 1927 and won an out-of-court settlement. The plant closed in 1926 following discovery of the incurable disease in an autopsy by Essex County Medical Examiner Harrison N. Martland after the death of Mrs. Sarah Maillefer of East Orange, one of 800 persons who had been employed painting luminous dials on watches at the plant between 1917 and 1924.

The poisoning resulted from the workers swallowing small particles of radioactive substances while moistening brushes with their lips.

The body of Mrs. Larice's sister, Amelia, also a radium victim, was exhumed five years after death in connection with the suit. Another sister, Mrs. Quinta Maggia McDonald, died of the poisoning in 1929.

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