

DIVED TO HIS DEATH

Fatal Accident to Briskey of the Savannah Base Ball Team.

DEATH AGONY WHITENS HAIR

In the Full Sight of Thousands, Baseball Player Meets With Fatal Accident on the Beach at Tybee—Leaves Wife and Child.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 2.—In the sight of scores of bathers, Joseph L. Briskey, right fielder of the Savannah team in the South Atlantic baseball league, died on Tybee beach on Sunday afternoon as a result of a dive into shallow water in front of Bohan's pavillion, his neck having been broken.

Briskey was an excellent swimmer, and his statement that he intended to remain under water as long as possible prevented any aid being rendered him for several minutes after he had dived, though his body, lying on the sand beneath the surface of the sea, was plainly visible to the bathers who were literally watching him die.

Sadder than the death is the fact that the young wife and three-weeks-old baby of the ball player, who had never seen his child, were awaiting his coming at the season's end in Houston, Tex. They have been notified by telegram of the accident.

With the ball player at Tybee were Umpire Harry Mace and King, H. and Howard, all of the Savannah team. All of them aided in the effort to revive Briskey after the on-lookers, alarmed by his long stay, at last drew him up to find him dead.

Artificial respiration was tried, but without effect.

A remarkable feature was that Briskey's dark hair was found to have turned almost white during the time he was in the water. It is thought he must have known of his fate, and his suffering caused this change.

Young Jack Apple, of this city, was almost killed in the same way at Tybee this season. He will be a paralytic for life, it is feared.

A benefit performance for the widow of Briskey will be given Thursday at the ball park.