

LEVY MAYER, NOTED LAWYER, FOUND DEAD

**Attorney for the 'Big Five' Packers
and the Liquor Interests
Left a Large Fortune.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 14. — Levy Mayer, prominent attorney who for years had represented some of the nation's biggest interests, was found dead today in his apartment in the Blackstone Hotel. He died of heart disease, according to an announcement by relatives, and was found by his valet when he went to awaken him.

Mr. Mayer was senior member of the law firm of Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt, with offices here and in New York.

Mr. Mayer was nationally known through his actions as attorney for the "big five" packers and for liquor interests. He was born in Richmond, Va., in 1858. Shortly after leaving Yale—in 1876—he began practice in Chicago and later extended his work to New York. He maintained residences in Chicago and at Manomet, Mass., and an apartment in the Ritz-Carlton here.

It is believed that Mr. Mayer's estate will be found to be a very large one, consisting chiefly of valuable parcels of Chicago real estate. Few lawyers, if any, in this country have made higher incomes than he. It has been stated that more than once his fees have exceeded a million dollars in a single year. As counsel for the liquor interests he led the fight against the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead act. He was attorney for the Producing Managers Association, among other important interests.