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### Believed to Be Dying.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—Hon. Clark W. Thompson suffered a stroke of paralysis at the hotel at Wells, Minn., yesterday. Dispatches today state that his condition is very critical. He retired to his room Saturday night in apparently good health. Not rising at his usual hour, the porter knocked at his door. Not receiving the usual hearty response, he entered the room and found Col. Thompson in an almost helpless condition. He was able to talk a little and asked for assistance. A physician was called and the hotel officials assisted in doing all they could, but it was apparent that he had had a paralytic stroke during the night and was in a dangerous condition. One side was paralyzed, but the brain did not seem to be badly affected, and the colonel could talk to his friends. He said he was prostrated, as near as he could judge, about 2 o'clock in the morning. All efforts to obtain assistance were fruitless. He must have been unconscious most of the time until found. Dispatches received here today are to the effect that it is not likely that he can recover. The probabilities are that new complications have set in. Mrs. Thompson, accompanied by Dr. P. S. McArthur, went to Wells on the first train out of La Crosse. The news of Col. Thompson's breaking down is received here with great sadness. He is one of the pioneers of this section, and one of the best known men in the Northwest. He has been identified with the development of Minnesota and was prominent in pushing through to completion the Southern Minnesota railway. In political circles he is a prominent figure, and in the last campaign was a strong candidate for governor of Minnesota from the northern tier of counties.