Baron Robert von Doblhoff meets President Roosevelt

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Mr. Roosevelt a Lively Model.

Paris Cable to the New York Herald.

Baron Robert von Doblhoff, who recently painted a portrait of President Roosevelt, returned to Paris from the United States a few days ago. He has a fund of description and anecdotes relating to his experience with the President.

As an artist’s subject he says that Mr. Roosevelt is one of the liveliest models he ever studied. Four sittings were given at the White House. In reality these were ‘standings’ and ‘walkings’. The artist sketched the President while the latter was attending to the details of his busy days, with the Cabinet members and other officials or politicians and even reporters adding to the impossibilities of real posing.

While recounting these incidents to the Herald correspondent the baron said ‘Mr. Roosevelt was still scarcely a moment during a session, which could not be called a sitting. He went ahead with the routine of his business and told me to go ahead too, while I was at work sketching and endeavoring to capture the salient points of the face, which, I must confess, it is difficult faithfully to portray.

‘Mr. Roosevelt received and conversed with many persons on many topics. One day Messrs. Taft and Root were present, and the subject was Japanese affairs. The discussion was warm, but Mr. Roosevelt said: “Go on with the sketching; don’t mind us.”’