

From *The Hartford Courant*, February 26, 1919, an article about a former South Manchester resident, who worked at Cheney mills before World War I. His mother and sister continued to live in Manchester at 264 Hackmatack Street.

Partial transcription of *Courant* article:

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Many interesting experiences are related by Sergeant Grosjean. He was one of the six chauffeurs selected to go to France with General Pershing and the First American Army, and during his twenty-one months' service he was kept on his feet all the time. He says that General Pershing was a tireless worker and when he traveled insisted on covering a great deal of territory and he had to have the fastest cars. He had two Locomobiles on each trip he made, so that if one had the trouble, or developed difficulty of operation, he would get into the other car, and in this manner had very little time. General Pershing was very often under fire and sometimes visited the front line trenches. So Sergeant Grosjean had a real taste of battle. Sergeant Grosjean said that he drove the car that took Secretary Baker to St. Mihiel when he went to see the 10,000 German prisoners captured by the Americans. He also drove Premier Clemenceau to view some American troops just arrived from London.