

Pathe's Animated Gazette, the first British newsreel, began regular weekly production in June 1910, moving into bi-weekly production two years later. By 1918 it was known simply as the Pathe Gazette. In January 1926, the reel was supplemented by a longer version called the Pathe Super Gazette, and the two ran in tandem for several years to satisfy large and small venues. In June 1930, with the advent of synchronised sound, Pathe launched the Pathe Super Sound Gazette, which it ran alongside the silent Pathe Gazette and Pathe Super Gazette. The silent reels were eventually discontinued, but the sound version, renamed the Pathe Gazette, continued until December 1945.

In December 1945, Pathe Gazette No. 45/105 announced a new collaboration with the Pathe News in New York and the Pathe Journal in Paris, adding that 'to mark this development we are modernising our title and simplifying our name.' The new title was Pathe News, used from No. 46/1 of January 1946 until the closure of the reel in February 1970.

In 1910 the first editor of Pathe's Animated Gazette was Val Steer, but in 1913 he resigned and Eric Mayell took over. The First World War brought rapid changes of editor, for by 1916 Mayell had been replaced by P. Lloyd, who was in turn followed by Henry Sanders, and Patrick McCabe. On his demobilisation in 1919 Henry Sanders returned as editor of the Pathe Gazette, and apparently remained in this post until his death in 1936, when Louis Behr became editor. By 1945 Freddie Watts was being credited as 'production manager' of the Pathe Gazette, presumably with Behr as 'editor'.

The first 'editor' of the Pathe News was probably Louis Behr, under Howard Thomas as 'production manager'. However, by 1947 Clement Cave was being credited as 'editor' of the Pathe News with Thomas as 'producer-in-chief'. Clement took too strong a political line, and in 1948 Thomas reduced him to 'news manager', bringing in Tommy Cummins as 'editor.' Cummins remained in this post until at least 1957, but seems to have been replaced by Terry Ashwood, who was

listed as 'editor' of Pathe News in 1967 and seems to have continued in this post until the closure of the reel.