Brief Timeline:

- June 7, 1855 – Steamer Benjamin Franklin pulls into port for repairs. It is two weeks out of St Thomas in the West Indies.
- July 8, 1855 – First death in Portsmouth due to yellow fever.
- Early August 1855 – Yellow fever spreads quickly in Portsmouth and Norfolk. Other ports along East Coast bars all ships from Norfolk and Portsmouth.
- September 1, 1855 – Death toll stood at 910.
- September 12, 1855 – Death toll stood at 1,800.
- September 27, 1855 – Death toll stood at 2,550.
- October 14, 1855 – Yellow fever epidemic breaks especially with the first frost.
- Early November 1855 – Death toll stood at 2,700.

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