

COAL DOCK BIDS IN

Contract for St. Johns Structure to Be Given Today.

SIX TENDERS RECEIVED

Columbia River Pilots Ask Tariff Increase for Handling Vessels. Commissioners Adopt Proposed \$250,000 Tax Addition.

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