

# Seven Steps

## towards the Republic

**“The Treaty is a step  
towards the Republic.”**

—Eoin O’Duffy in Dail Eireann, December, 1921.

Other steps (of course, in the same direction) are —

1. Guns and orders from England.
2. The raid on the house of Padraig Pearse’s mother.
3. The arrest of the widow of Terence MacSwiney.
4. The firing on unarmed Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Jail.
5. The suppression of all Republican papers.
6. The killing of Cathal Brugha.

If those seven steps do not enable us to reach the Republic, England will no doubt prescribe others.