The 1910s

General relativity, the assembly line, and the Great War.

Einstein rewrote gravity and Ford rewrote manufacturing; then the First World War destroyed a generation of Europe's young men.

What rose

1911. Amundsen reaches the South Pole. Source: Roald Amundsen

1913. Ford's moving assembly line. Bohr's model of the atom. Source: Assembly line

1914. The Panama Canal opens. Source: Panama Canal

1915. Einstein completes general relativity. Source: General relativity

What fell or stalled

The First World War and the 1918 influenza killed tens of millions. Source: World War I

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