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BERLIN, Oct. 21.—Discussing the effects of natural science on man's life, Professor Albert Einstein in a lecture tonight deplored the fact that the industrial technique which was meant to serve the world's progress by liberating mankind from the slavery of labor was now about to overwhelm its creators. He characterized the great distress of the present times as the result of domination by man-made machines, but blamed technique not as much as lack of organization in economic and social life, the stabilization of which is one of the chief tasks of the present time. Regarding the direct effects of natural science upon life, Professor Einstein stressed the philosophic theory of determinism, which he said was almost generally recognized today.

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